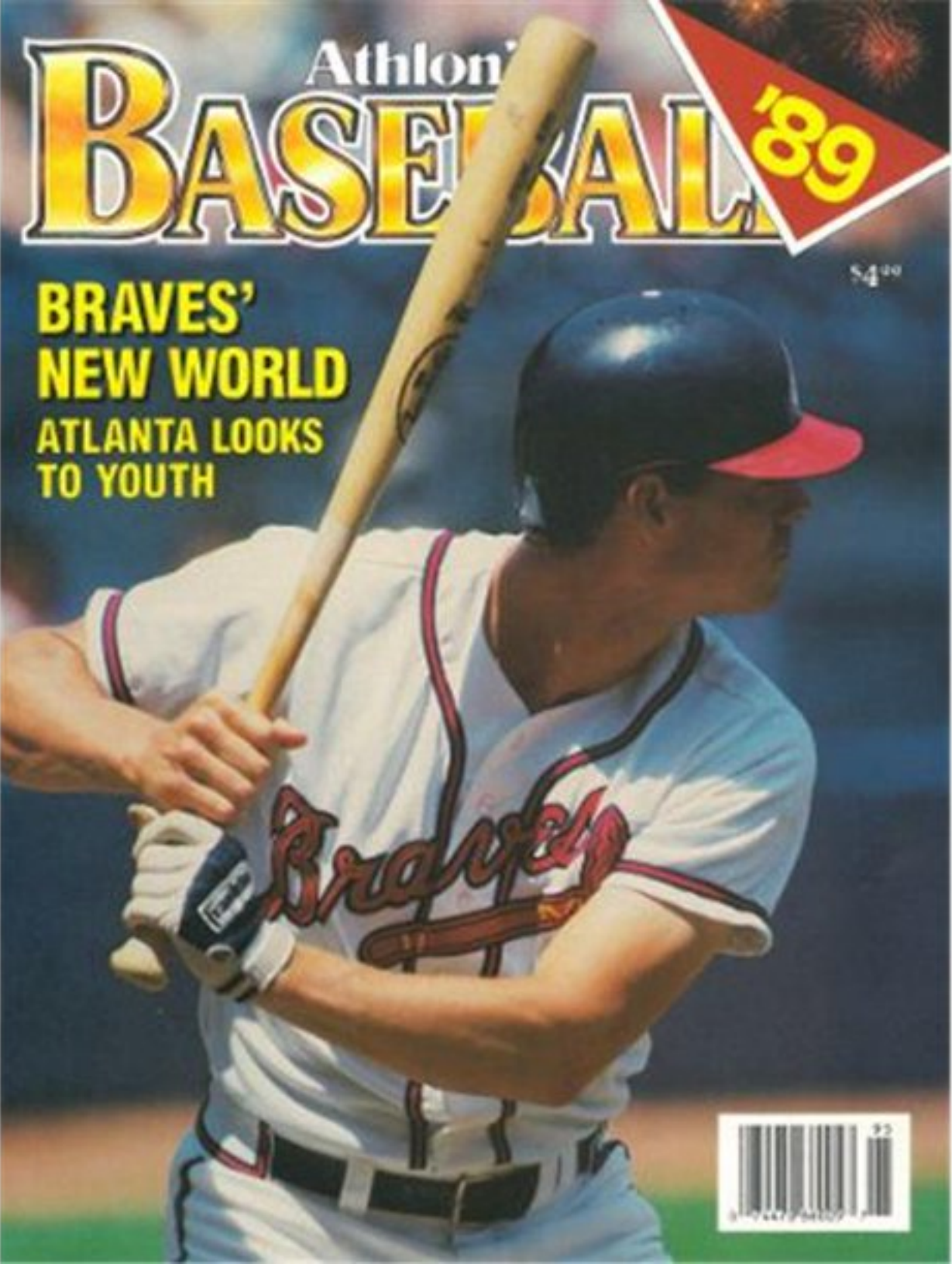


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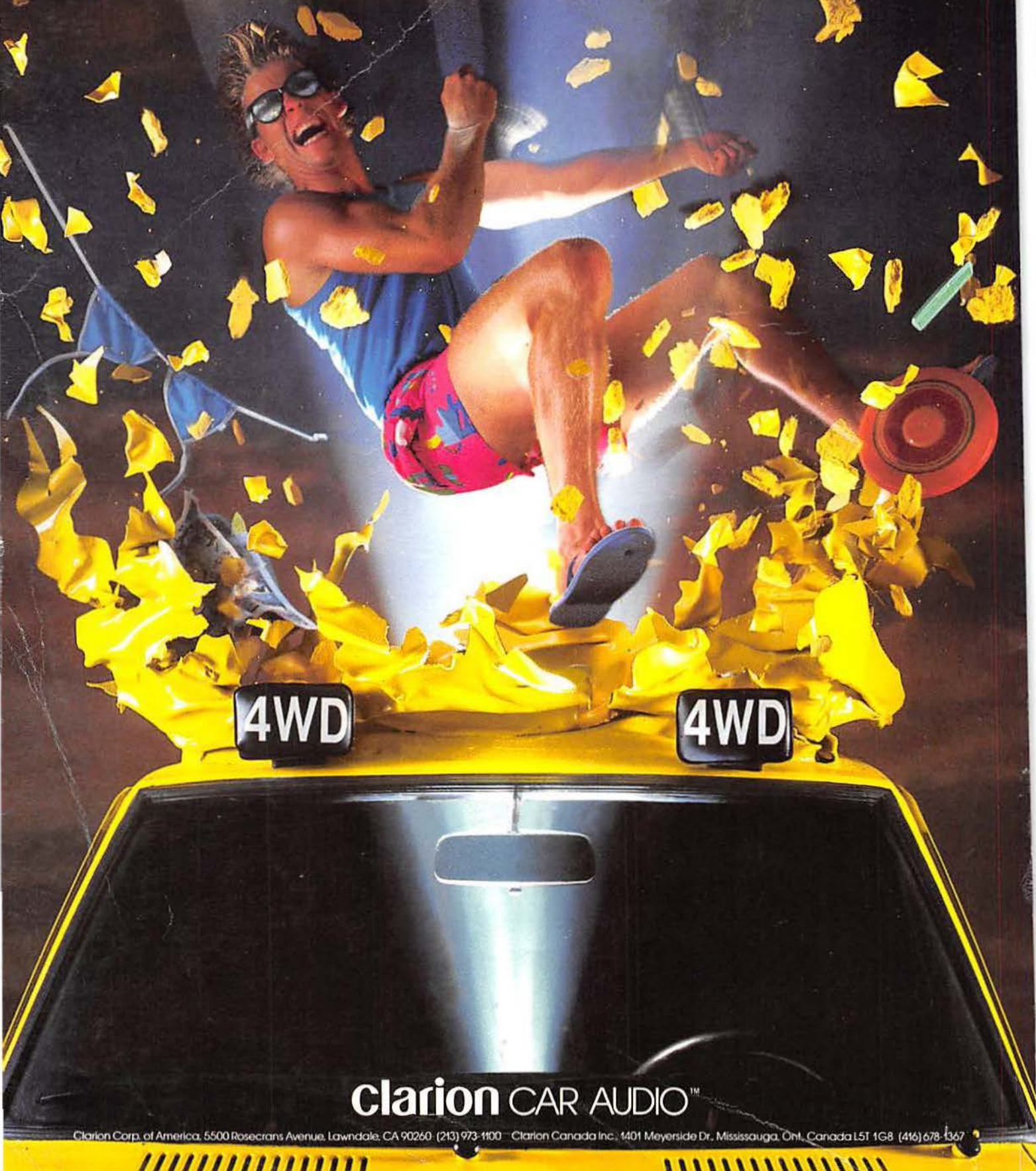
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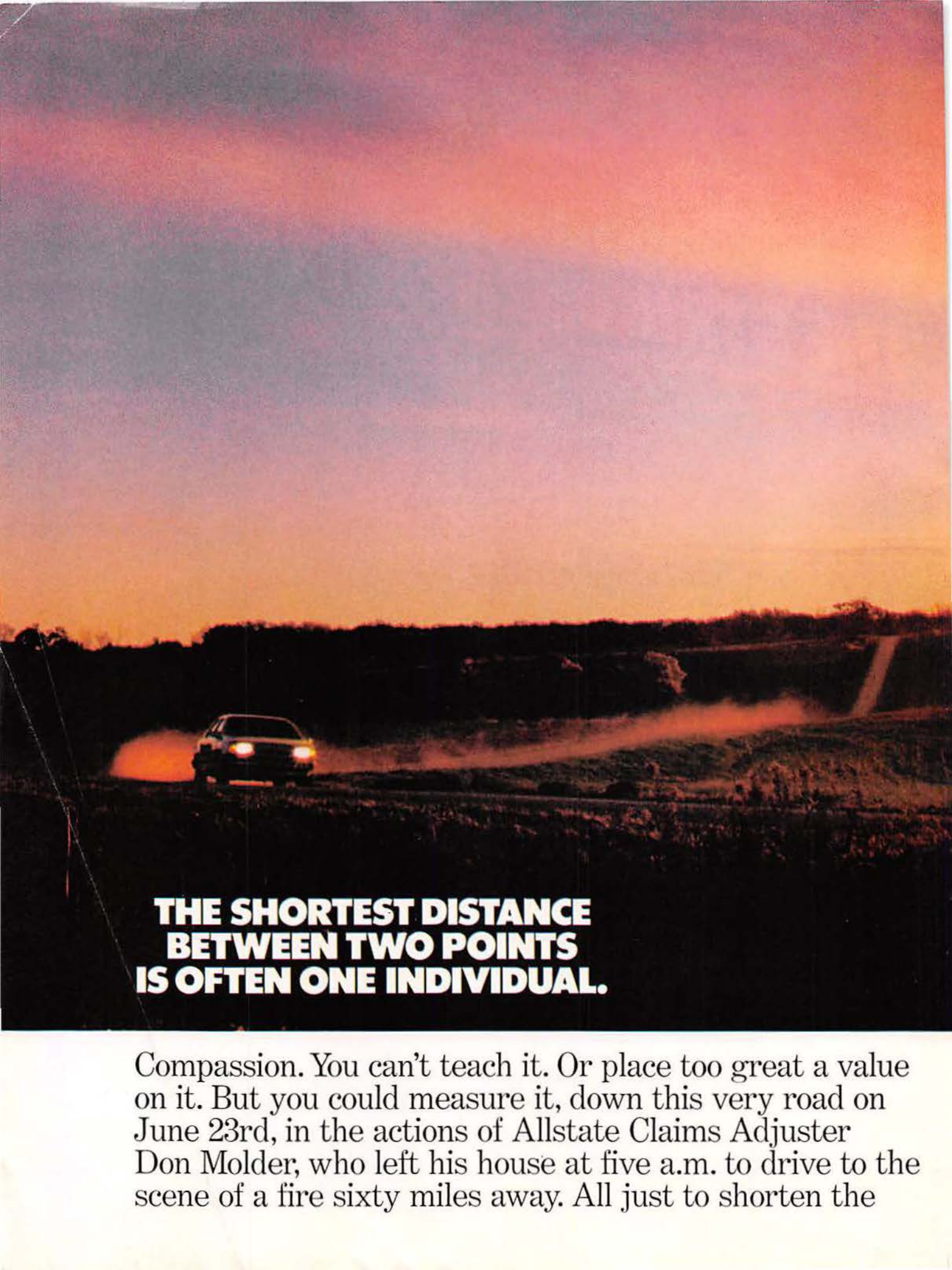
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Letter from the Publisher

At a major state university a few years back, a couple of young men ran for the top offices of student government on one simple pledge. They wanted to change the inscription on the administration building from "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" to "Money talks."

As you could have guessed, they won in a landslide.

Given some of the off-the-field developments over the winter, maybe baseball also should consider adopting the motto "Money talks." It certainly would be as descriptive of the sport today as "Our national pastime."

Money established itself as the MVP over the winter in two ways. First, after a series of court rulings ended the owners' de facto collusion on free agency (they had maintained it was just pure coincidence that players like Jack Morris and Tim Lincecum couldn't find any takers when they became free agents), many owners—notably the California Angels' Gene Autry—unleashed a bidding war that would have been the envy of the Keeneland yearling sale.

The war created not only fierce competition for premier talents like Bruce Hurst and Nolan Ryan but also the biggest assortment of unlikely millionaires since the Beverly Hillbillies struck oil—\$3.6 million for Andy Hawkins, whose career record is 60–58? \$2.6 million for Dave LaPoint (67–66)? And \$1.7 million for Jesse Orosco? The only parallel for such outrageous bidding that comes to mind is Cary Grant's famous auction scene in *North by Northwest*. And that was Hollywood.

Money also talked through its battery mate, television, in two deals that ultimately may have as much impact on the game as the end of collusion. First, CBS paid \$1.1 billion—that's right, billion—for the rights to televise the World Series, playoffs, All-Star Game and 12 regular-season games for four years beginning in 1990. ESPN followed suit with a \$400 mil-

over, an ambitious owner can again go out and try to buy a pennant.

The fans seem to win, too, because, unless they're regular watchers of the Braves, Cubs and Mets, whose games are shown nationally on cable already, the explosion in television coverage will create a baseball fanatic's dream come true.

Not all of the post-collusion scenarios, however, are that optimistic.

Don't bet the ranch that the Players Association won't demand what they deem to be a fair portion of the owners' newfound TV money when it comes time to negotiate a new basic agreement after this season. Don't raise your eyebrows if the major league minimum salary hits \$100,000.

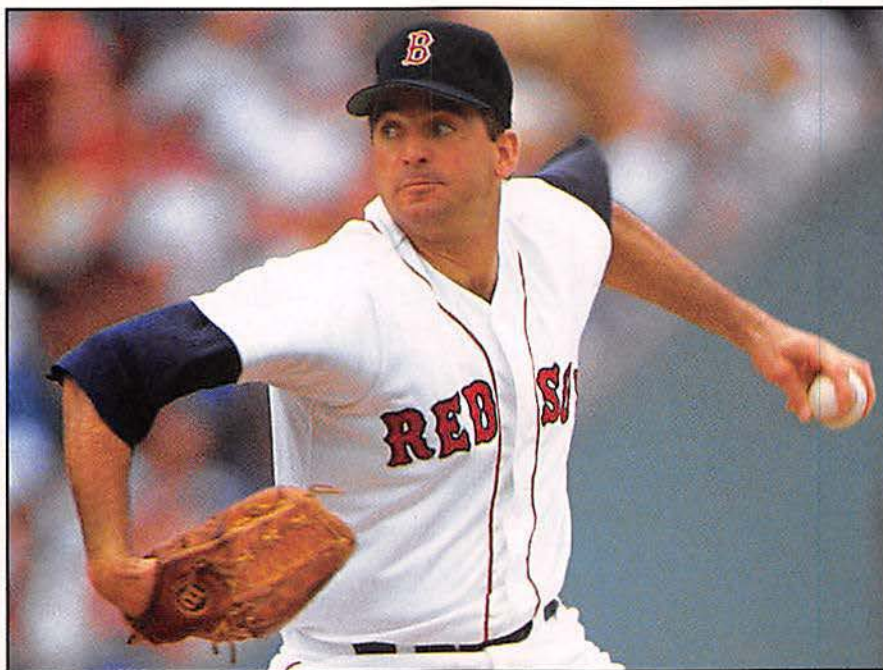
Don't be surprised, either, if the owners, faced with across-the-board salary increases, raise the prices of tickets and concessions to the point

that it would be cheaper to take the family to the opera than to the ballgame.

And don't be surprised if the fans react by watching baseball on TV, causing attendance to fall and creating another form of financial pressure on the owners.

In short, you could be seeing more but enjoying it less.

Is there a way to avoid this mess? Yes, if it's possible to persuade the owners and players to be reasonable in the respective buying and selling of talent. But that may never happen. Money talks.



Bruce Hurst wound up with a \$5.25 million contract in the bidding war for free agents.

lion deal that involves a package of 175 games a year. As a result, baseball will approximately double its current take from TV revenue.

Commissioner Peter Ueberroth may have figured, "Hey, if this kind of thing works for the players . . ."

On the surface, this inflationary spiral looks almost like a win-win-win situation.

The players seem to win because the principle of free agency is upheld, and it's once again a seller's market.

The owners seem to win because the higher TV revenues should more than compensate for the higher players' salaries. Teams in smaller cities with limited income potential can now compete on more even terms with the major-market franchises. And now that collusion is

Jerry McCoin

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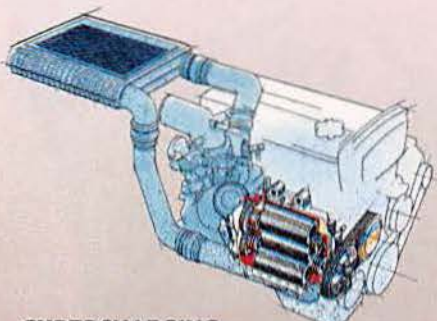
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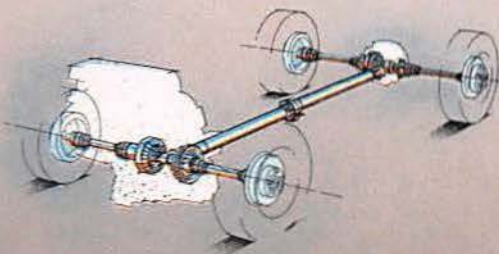
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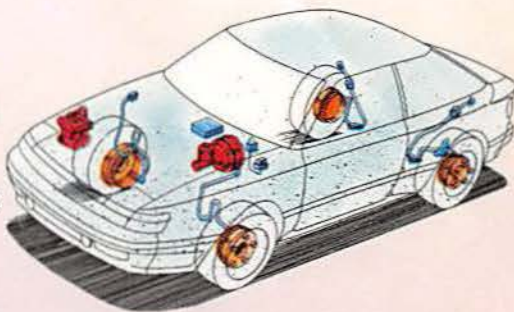
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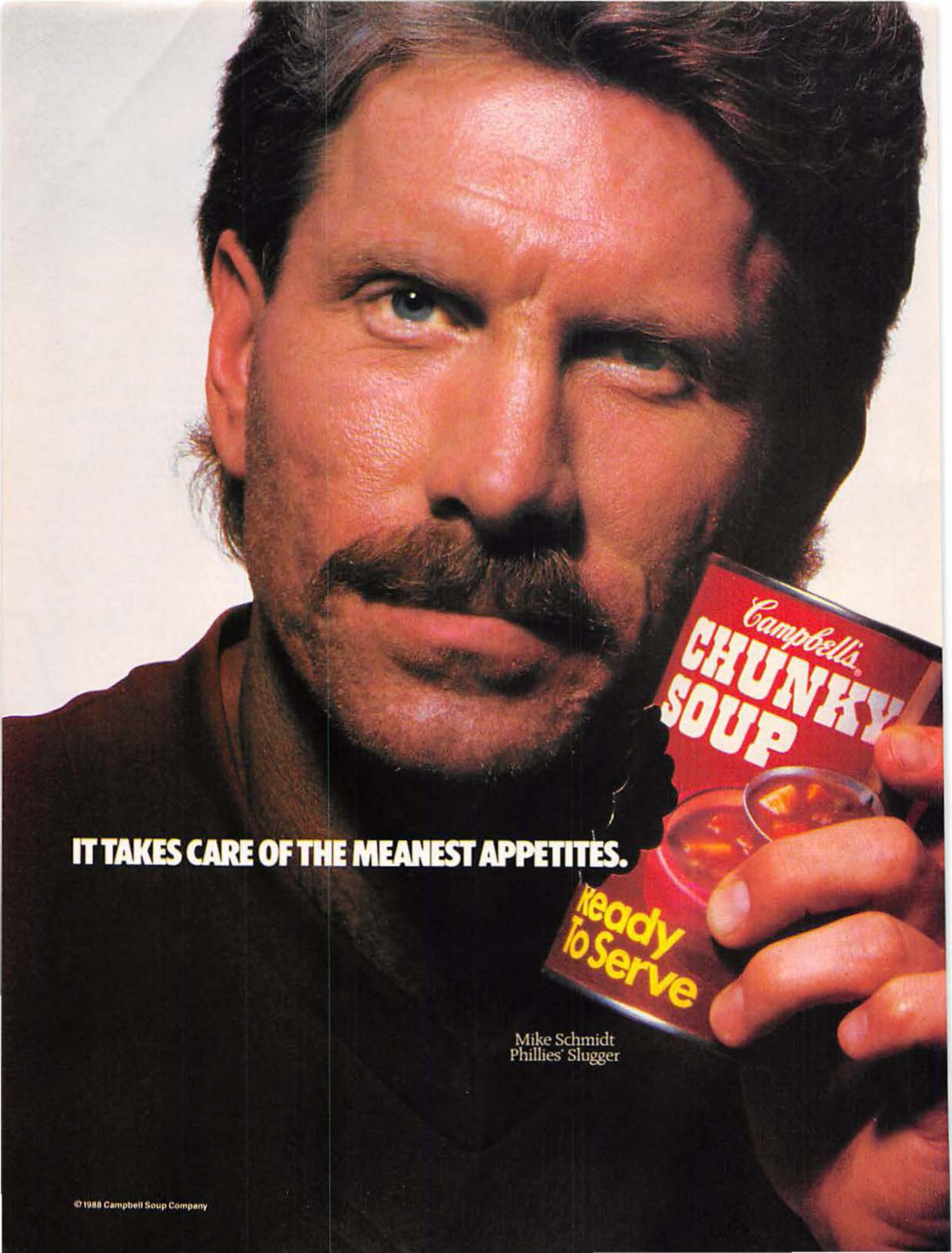
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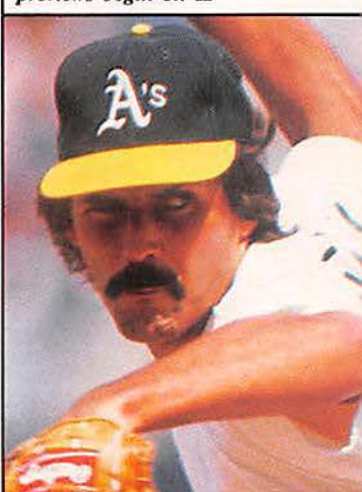
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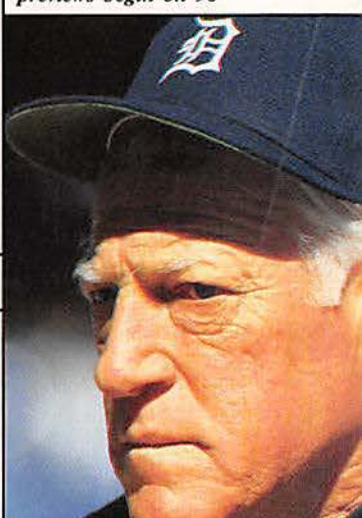
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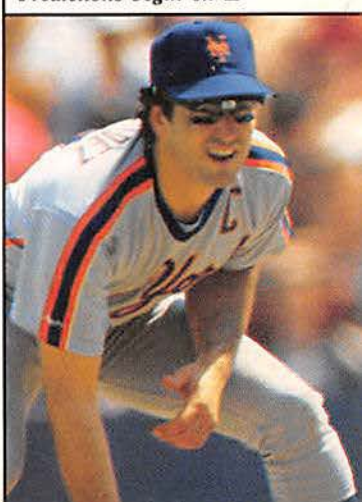
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Mets Right Back on Top



by Charlie Miller
Managing Editor

Pitching, hitting and defense. That's the way the New York Mets play baseball—in that order.

With four solid starters in Dwight Gooden, David Cone, Ron Darling and Sid Fernandez, the Mets are again heavily armed. Bob Ojeda (if he has fully recovered from a hand injury), Rick Aguilera and young Dave West occupy the fifth spot and provide long relief. Ace reliever Randy Myers, along with Roger McDowell and Terry Leach, round out the best staff in the majors. Pitching alone is reason enough to pick the 1988 National League East champions to repeat in 1989.

But there's more. Darryl Strawberry and Kevin McReynolds finished second and third in the MVP voting last year. Expect a strong season from veteran first baseman Keith Hernandez after an injury-plagued 1988. Insert Gregg Jefferies, who seems to have already won 1989 Rookie of the Year honors, for a full season in front of the Mets' three big batsmen, and Manager Davey Johnson has more than enough offense.

New York's defense has been questioned. Although they may not make the spectacular plays, the Mets do quite well with routine ones. They tied for the lead in the NL in fielding last season.

Clashing personalities could cause problems, but Johnson is a steady leader who keeps his team together better than most managers. And the Mets will be hungry this summer after the debacle in the League Championship Series last October. It's not a sure thing, but almost, that another division flag will fly at Shea Stadium.

If the Mets falter, Montreal, St. Louis or Pittsburgh will win the division. More likely, they'll battle for second and third. Chicago and Philadelphia won't join the race this year.

Offensively, big names light up the Expos' scorecard. In the past, the long-hitting trio of Andres Galarraga, Tim Wallach and Hubie Brooks, all right-handed, was susceptible to right-handed pitching. The addition of left-handed-hitting Mike Aldrete and switch-hitter Spike Owen balances Montreal's attack. With more offense around him, Tim Lincecum must be seriously considered for MVP.

The Expos boast deep pitching. Pascual Perez, Bryn Smith, Dennis Martinez and former Phillie Kevin Gross are dependable starters. Andy McGaffigan is strong in middle relief. Closer Tim Burke slumped in '88.

Montreal may knock off the Mets if the Expos' bullpen carries its weight.

While the Mets and Expos depend on power hitters for most of their offense, the Cardinals again will rely on the speed of Vince Coleman, Ozzie Smith, Willie McGee and Terry Pendleton. If those speedsters reach base often enough, Tom Brunansky and Pedro Guerrero should beef up their RBI totals, making St. Louis tough to beat.

Pitching is a concern. Jose DeLeon was the only full-time starter in 1988 with no health problems. Joe Magrane finished strong, leading the NL in ERA, but pitched only 165 1/3 innings because of injury. With the return of Danny Cox and Greg Mathews in good health, the Cardinals could make a run for the title. The Todd Worrell-Ken Dayley relief duo is one of the league's best.

It's hard to count out Manager Whitey Her-

The Mets' Hernandez is bent on another title.



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zog any year. Avoiding injuries will be critical for St. Louis. Question marks in the pitching rotation drop the Redbirds to third.

Good news and bad news for Pittsburgh fans. The Pirates' chances of winning the East are slim. That's bad. But the Pirates are young—good. Credit pitching coach Ray Miller for much of the success of the youthful staff. Starters Bob Walk, Doug Drabek, John Smiley, Mike Dunne and Brian Fisher could be mediocre. Miller makes some of them very good and all of them better.

With better production against left-handers, Andy Van Slyke might win the MVP trophy this year. Barry Bonds, Sid Bream and Mike LaValliere also hit left-handed, making Pittsburgh's lineup susceptible to left-handed pitching. Switch-hitting Bobby Bonilla has the only potent bat from the right side.

Jim Leyland has proven himself as a manager, but he'll be hard-pressed to prevent Pittsburgh from becoming the only franchise in the East not to win a title this decade. Look for the Pirates to finish fourth.

Chicago traded its leading hitter, Rafael Palmeiro, to Texas last winter and is left with a suspect outfield, no leadoff man and one proven catcher. The infield is solid, and Andre "Awesome" Dawson is still a feared slugger. The Cubs should win the race for fifth.

In Philadelphia, Juan Samuel, Tom Herr and young Ricky Jordan should provide punch. Mike Schmidt (542 home runs) will furnish power if recovered from a torn rotator cuff. Steve Bedrosian is an All-Star reliever. But Phillies management needs to have patience with new Manager Nick Leyva.

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S T E P H E N

Unless All Signs Fail, Mets' Jefferies Is Legit Phenom

by Steve Marcus
Newsday

And the 1989 National League Rookie of the Year is . . . Gregg Jefferies of the Mets.

He'd better be or else we've all been fooled. Jefferies emptied an inkwell's worth of stories in his cameo appearance in the majors last September. There was even some talk, after merely 109 at-bats, that he could have been Rookie of the Year. He was that impressive, though every indication is that the best is yet to come for the 21-year-old infielder.

The Mets had just started to drain the heat out of the National League East race when Jefferies was called up from Tidewater on Aug. 28 to replace an injured Wally Backman at second base. Jefferies had broken in at Class AAA Tidewater by barely hitting .200 his first two months. "I was concerned about him," Tidewater Manager Mike Cubbage says. Who could have guessed that Jefferies would end the season with the Mets, hitting .321 with six home runs and 17 RBI in a mere 29 games?

Jefferies' introduction to the big-city lights was a bolt of lightning to his teammates and opposing pitchers. In his first game, Jefferies singled and doubled off San Francisco's Mike Krukow, heretofore known as a Met killer. Jefferies seemed too good to be true, but here he was, a phenom making a phenomenal start. In his next game, he went 3-for-4, with his first home run.

He was named National League Player of the Week after his second week in the majors: 11 hits in 25 at-bats, with two doubles, one triple, three home runs and nine RBI. His slugging percentage was .960.

Jefferies' excitement quotient was 1.000. "I got a guy here two weeks who already is Rookie of the Year and in the Hall of Fame," said Joe McIlvaine, Mets vice president of baseball operations. "It's unfair. A lot of guys get off to a good start, though not many like this. I'm not a non-believer, I'm just trying to deflect some of the pressure."

"The whole package is quite intriguing," said Steve Schryver, the Mets' former director of farm clubs. "He's not a natural. I've seen many players with better physical skills. His tremendous dedication and motivation set him apart. There aren't many like him."

After his senior year at Serra High in San Mateo, Calif., Jefferies was the Mets' first-round pick in the 1985 draft. He played Class A ball in Kingsport and Columbia, batting .326 in 67 games. He was the league's Player of the Year.

In 1986, Jefferies batted .339 with Columbia, .354 with Class A Lynchburg and .421 in five games with Class AA Jackson of the Texas League. He was named Minor League Player of the Year by *Baseball America*. In 1987, Jefferies batted .367 in 134 games with Jackson, including 48 doubles, five triples, 20 home runs and 101 RBI. He also had 26 stolen bases and was thrown out only once while bunting. *Baseball America* again named him Minor League Player of the Year.

Jefferies had three hits in six at-bats with the Mets in 1987. "When I was told I got called up, I thought it was to triple A," he says. "When I heard it was the Mets, I was shocked. My teammates said I was white as a ghost."

His 1987 jump from double A to the majors, if only for a September cup of coffee, was not unexpected. "Gregg's the best prospect I've ever seen," says Tucker Ashford, who managed Jefferies at Jackson. "He's so mature for his age. But then again, it's tough to look immature when you're so successful."

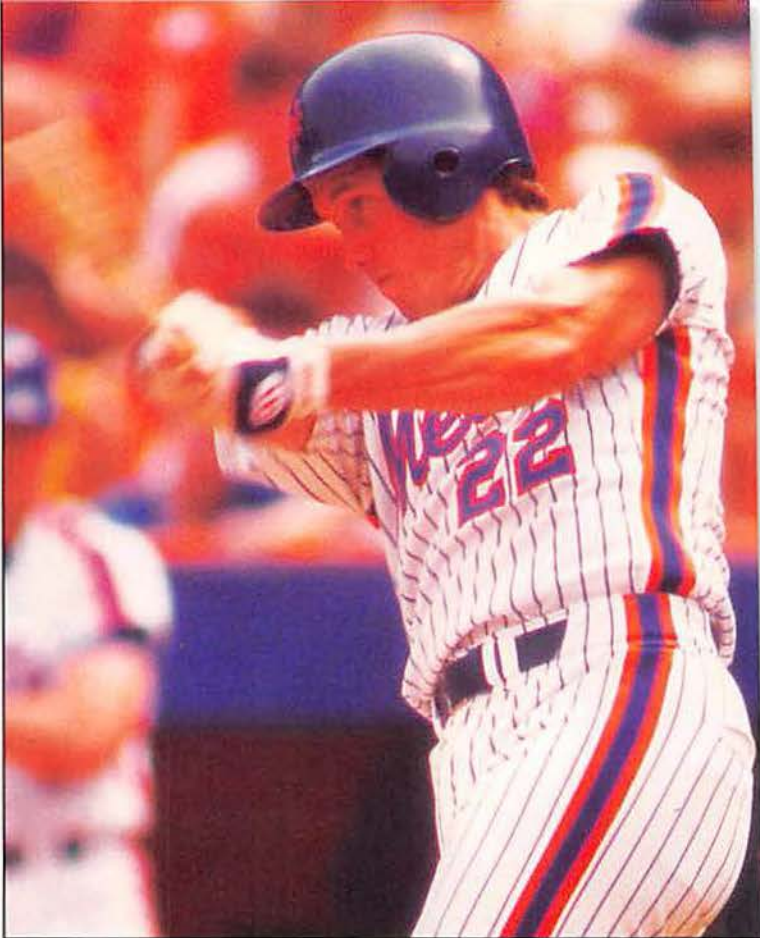
Success comes from hard work and lots of it. In what even he calls a crazy regimen, Jefferies spends six days a week going through unconventional and strenuous workouts devised by him and his father, Rich. For example, Jefferies swings a sawed-off bat underwater, 25 times each right-handed (his natural side)

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David Cone looks like a throwback to Met great Tom Seaver.



Kevin McReynolds' name comes up right off the bat in slugger talk.

(New York Mets continued)

and left-handed. "If you ever walked in a pool," says Rich Jefferies, a junior high school baseball coach and scout for the Cubs, "you've noticed the resistance the water gives. We figured if you swung a bat underwater, there'd be the same resistance, and it would help in developing bat speed."

Jefferies also spends time lifting weights, running, hitting a boxing speedbag, swinging a leaded bat into a heavy bag and throwing a football 170 times a day. The workouts start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 5 in the afternoon. "Sometimes I feel like I'm a boxer," Jefferies says. "But for me, this is work, like a 9-to-5 job. I'm not a guy who'll hit the ball 500 feet. I need an advantage."

Says Ashford: "I've never heard of someone doing the things he does. But I think the theory is great. He's as strong at the end of the season as he is at the beginning."

Jefferies' idol is the legendary Ty Cobb. Jefferies' bedroom is decorated with photos of the Hall of Fame hitter. "I just learned about him from reading," Jefferies says. "My grandfather saw him play. From what I've read, I like his aggressiveness. And when people read that I like Ty Cobb, they send me stuff about him."

Jefferies' other hero also had a lot of hits. That would be Elvis Presley. Elvis is alive in Jefferies' room, which is replete with pictures of the late singing star.

Without a standout candidate among NL rookies, Jefferies caused some intrigue—and

concern—among members of the Baseball Writers Association of America, which selects Rookie of the Year. "He would have had to hit .600," says Jack Lang, a non-voting veteran writer who heads the association. "The award is Rookie of the Year, not the month. 1989 will be his legitimate rookie year. If he hits .330, then he will win it with glory. I think winning it last year would have been a tainted victory."

The BBWAA discourages members from discussing their choices for postseason awards, but two who voted for Rookie of the Year did speak about Jefferies' situation. "I would find it difficult to vote for him over first-year players who were on the roster the whole season," said Jack O'Connell of the *New York Daily News*. "But it's perplexing because his numbers are so remarkable."

Another voter, John Harper of the *New York Post*, said, "It might turn out that he has more impact than any other rookie." Jefferies tied for sixth in the 1988 balloting. But wait until the end of this season.

Had Jefferies won the award, the BBWAA probably would have amended its constitution so he could not have won twice. Maybe they would have called it the Jefferies Amendment.

While it looked easy for him at the plate, it was at first difficult in the Mets' clubhouse. His fast start led to some teammates disliking him at first, because he was taking away their jobs. "I didn't want to make any ene-

mies, but I can't stop the way I'm playing," Jefferies said. "I can't stop hustling."

Infielder Dave Magadan said it was unfair to bench players like himself and Tim Teufel to find room for a newcomer when the players in the lineup all season had given the team a nice lead in the NL East. The remarks and the looks drew the attention of the team's co-captains, first baseman Keith Hernandez and catcher Gary Carter, and they sought to put an end to them.

"That's jealousy and that's bull," Hernandez said of Jefferies' detractors. "Early in my minor league career, I was a bonus baby, and there was jealousy from fringe players. The bottom line is we're here to win."

Carter also sided with Jefferies. "I told him before the game it goes with the territory," Carter said, "and that he should do his talking with his bat." By season's end, some of Jefferies' biggest detractors had become his best friends.

Manager Davey Johnson termed Jefferies' season just unbelievable. "The kid's creating some problems," Johnson said. "It's tough on guys who got us this far, but Jefferies' hitting is remarkable." Johnson was talking about the need to supplant players to keep Jefferies in the lineup. The Mets spent the winter trying to figure a way to do just that.

Jefferies, as unassuming as they come, does not want to talk about predictions of stardom. "I could break a leg and never play again," he says, "or I could be the biggest

flop of all time. I can't let the hype distract me."

Jefferies is a sure shot in the Mets' lineup this year, but where will he play? Last year he shuffled between second and third. He will probably stay at third if the Mets can convince themselves that Howard Johnson (.230) can be an everyday shortstop. Johnson has the arm, though not necessarily the range, to hold down the job. But the Mets are more concerned about Johnson's bat. After hitting 36 homers and driving in 99 runs in 1987, he slumped to 24 and 68 last season. "He expected more out of himself and so did we," Davey Johnson says.

Backman (.303) was traded to Minnesota for three minor league pitchers, leaving the Mets' second base job to Teufel (.234) or prospect Keith Miller (.214).

Hernandez (.276) still anchors first, but not with so tight a grip. Jefferies is likely to supplant him as the No. 3 hitter, with Hernandez going down to sixth. He needs a good season to get another contract from the Mets.

Carter (.242, 11 HR, 46 RBI) will be the regular catcher if he hits at all, largely due to his \$2-million contract. Otherwise, he will find himself in a platoon role with left-handed-hitting Mackey Sasser (.285).

In the outfield, Kevin McReynolds displayed able glove work in left, and his bat was not far behind (.288-27-99). Darryl Strawberry (.269) had hands of clay on defense, but his bat was still stirring, with 39 homers and 101 RBI. Mookie Wilson (.296) and Lenny Dykstra (.270) platooned in center field, but that scenario probably will end. Look for one or the other to take over full time.

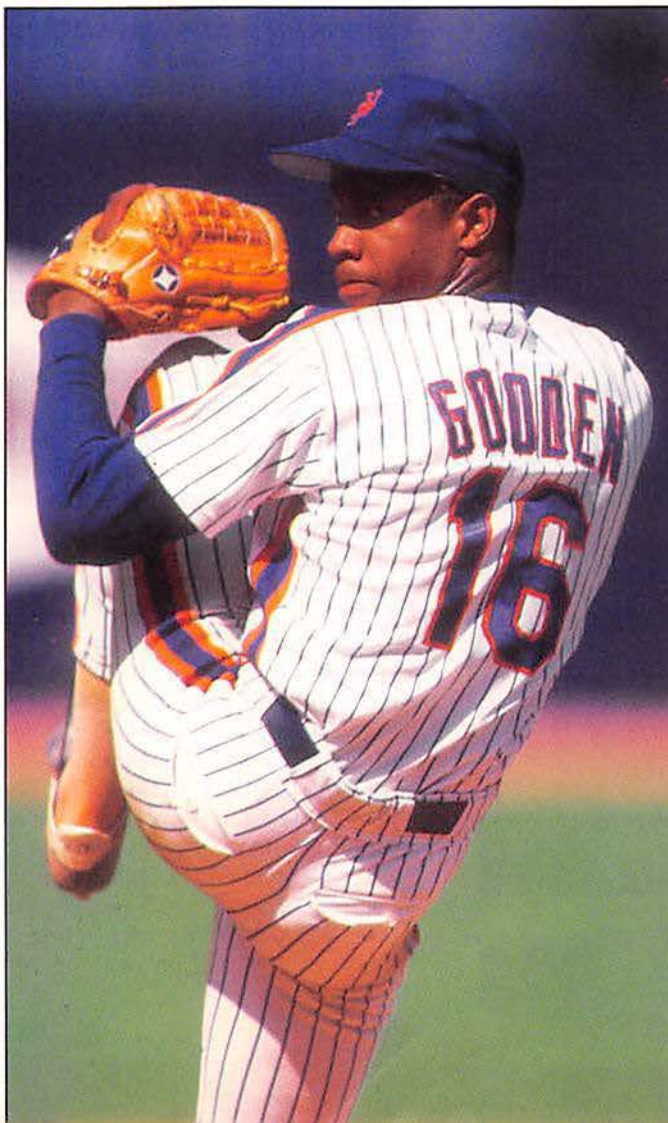
Pitching, for so long the Mets' strong suit, took a dive in the playoffs. David Cone, the Mets' only 20-game winner, was the lone starter to come away with a victory against the Dodgers. Cone (20-3, 2.22 ERA), not Dwight Gooden (18-9, 3.19), emerged as the ace of the staff. Ron Darling (17-9, 3.25) and Sid Fernandez (12-10, 3.03) are the other quality starters. The Mets are optimistic that Bobby Ojeda (10-13, 2.88) can recover from a September accident in which he nearly lost the tip of the middle finger on his left (pitching) hand. If Ojeda needs more time, rookie David West will move in.

Roger McDowell (2.63, 16 saves) and left-hander Randy Myers (1.72, 26) anchor a strong bullpen.

This year should be more stable for the Mets. Davey Johnson was re-signed to a three-year contract, putting an end to the season-long debate of who will manage in 1989. "I never wanted to leave," Johnson says now. And General Manager Frank Cashen says he never intended to let Johnson get away.

All in all, the outlook is rosy. Says Davey Johnson, "The organization is at its strongest point since I've been here."

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Darryl Strawberry (above) is pretty sure to top 200 career home runs and 600 RBI this season. Dwight Gooden (left) figures to turn loose enough unhittable pitches to reach 1,200 career strikeouts.

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Raines Check Gives Expos Prospect of Seeing Tim of Old

by Jeff Blair
The Gazette, Montreal

There was a time, Tim Raines admits, when a season like the one he had in 1988 would have brought about a real change in character—but a change not necessarily for the better.

"You have to keep things in perspective," the Montreal left fielder says matter-of-factly, discussing what was statistically the worst season of his career. "If there's one thing I've figured out about this game, it's that one year things fall down, the next year you build them up again."

Perspective. Here's how Raines kept things in perspective:

In 1988, Raines missed 53 games with right-shoulder tendinitis, a hamstring pull and torn cartilage in his left shoulder, which required arthroscopic surgery.

The 29-year-old former National League batting champion hit a career-low .270. He was shuffled up and down the batting order. He was called into meetings with Manager Buck Rodgers. He was booed loudly at Olympic Stadium.

But look at him now. Raines became the richest player in the history of his team—and one of the 10 wealthiest in major league baseball—in the process turning down an opportunity to test the free-agent market. He signed a three-year contract for \$6.3 million with an option on a fourth season. The deal was announced on Oct. 23, the day before arbitrator George Nicolau granted second-look free agency to a group of players that would have included Raines.

Raines waived his right to free agency. And the Expos and Raines' agents, Tom Reich and Adam Katz, came up with an arrangement whereby Raines will be paid in full in the event of a lockout (withholding of salaries by the owners when a players' agreement is not signed before the season).

He will receive no pay if there is a players' strike.

Does this make sense? Is this perspective?

"We looked at it as the first step toward winning in 1989," says David Dombrowski, assistant general manager. "It was our top priority. It set the stage for whatever else we're going to do."

Rodgers puts it another way. "We couldn't do anything until we knew whether we'd signed Tim," Rodgers says.

The Expos, who made a valiant run at the NL East title in 1987, struggled to .500 in 1988 and finished 20 games behind the Mets. The team of overachievers couldn't overachieve again.

"What I have to figure out," said Rodgers late in the season, "is whether this team is as bad as it is this year or as good as it was last season."

Those who charted the team's season point with some justification at *le Trois Tims*—the Three Tims—as the core of the woes.

Third baseman Tim Wallach hit .257 with just 12 home runs and 69 RBI after going .298–26–123 in '87. Wallach hit 42 doubles en route to 72 extra-base hits that season, compared to 49 extra-base hits in 1988. His game-winning RBI fell from 16 to six.

Reliever Tim Burke—7–0, 1.19 ERA with 18 saves in 1987—came out of salary arbitration and went 3–5, 3.40 with 18 saves last season. It was the first time in his major league career that he had an ERA over 3.00.

Then there was Raines, who hit far below his career average, with 12 home runs and 48 RBI. It was his worst season as an Expos' regular, even worse than the .277 he hit in 1982 and a far cry from his .330 of 1987, when he also hit 18 homers and drove in 68 runs.

"I don't think I was ever in as good shape as I should have been," Raines says.

"I don't know. . . . maybe it was just that I wasn't ready for spring training because I'd forgotten what it takes. I missed it the year before (he sat out as an unsigned free agent) and made up for it by working really hard on my own.

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If 1987 (7-0) was pivotal for Pascual Perez, 1988 (12-8) completed the swing from near disaster.

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I think I underestimated how much I should have done."

Raines embarked on an ambitious off-season training program this winter, using a personal fitness consultant to design a program with heavy emphasis on leg strength and toning up his already muscular upper body. "I want to regain some of the power in my legs," he says.

But the days are gone when the Expos

can expect Raines to steal 70-100 bases. Since his career-high total of 90 in 1983, he has stolen 75, 70, 70, 50 and, last season, 33.

Montreal has different expectations now. Most fans think of switch-hitting Raines as a leadoff man. But the Expos also see him as a quality left-handed hitter in the No. 3 spot, breaking up the right-handed block of first baseman Andres Galarraga, outfielder Hubie Brooks and Wallach.

The Expos rely heavily on Andres Galarraga to strong-arm opposing pitchers.



"If there's a person Raines could use as a model, it would probably be Joe Morgan," says Rodgers, referring to the former Cincinnati, Houston and Oakland second baseman. "Tim's said that himself. I think he could hit between .300-.320, give us 12 to 15 homers and steal 40 or 50 bases."

Raines plans to be more aggressive this season wherever he hits in the batting order. "But my numbers probably will be determined by who's swinging the bat behind me," he says. "If it's someone like Andres or Hubie—as it probably will be—I might take more chances."

Raines doesn't think his big new contract will affect his production. Nor does he think there will be added pressure. "I've earned over a million dollars the past few seasons, so I don't think this means much more pressure. I made \$1.6 million in 1987. There's not that much difference between that and \$2 million."

But will the fans in Montreal feel that way? Raines' signing was greeted with mixed reviews, particularly in the city's French-language press.

One newspaper ran a reader survey. The results? Well, let's just say the majority of respondents felt there were better ways for the Expos to spend \$2 million per season.

"I think I've made a pretty good name for myself," says Raines, "but I'm a player people in Montreal are going to love or hate. And most of those who hate me will do it even more now that I have this contract. But I'm confident I can win at least some of them over if I perform like I've done in the past."

One person Raines won over a long time ago was Charles Bronfman, the team's majority shareholder, co-chairman of Seagram's and one of the wealthiest men in North America.

Raines' contract was the largest signed by an Expo since Gary Carter signed an eight-year contract for \$12 million.

Carter's contract is considered to be one of the reasons for the collapse of the club that called itself The Team of The Eighties. And after Carter was traded to the Mets, Bronfman vowed he would never again agree to such a deal.

"But Tim and Gary are very different people," Bronfman says. "Tim's the type of guy who would be the same around his teammates whether he was earning two million or \$200,000. And I'm more comfortable with the length of this deal than the last one."

Expos pitcher Bryn Smith, who was on the team when Carter signed, concurs. "Gary was a nice guy and all, but he always seemed to know where the camera was," Smith says. "Tim's not like that. It's not that he runs away from the spotlight; it's just that he doesn't search for it. If it hits him, great. If it doesn't, he doesn't care."

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That's why Raines eschewed free agency. "I suppose I could have waited and tried to make it in some of the bigger markets in the States, but that doesn't appeal to me at this stage of my career," says Raines, a native of Sanford, Fla. "I'm basically a small-town boy. Playing some place like New York or Los Angeles doesn't excite me all that much. Besides, I've grown fond of Montreal. It's comfortable and my family likes it."

Raines survived a battle with cocaine earlier in his career and has succeeded in burying any doubts about his rehabilitation.

"I don't even think about it now," Raines says. "I've put it out of my mind, other than the fact I'll have to undergo drug testing the rest of my career. Most baseball people have forgotten about it, and I think that's because of the way I've played since 1982."

"If anything, my career escalated after the incident, and when you produce on the field, people tend to forget about off-field things."

Raines had some help evading the spotlight last season, thanks to the continuing emergence of Galarraga.

After hitting .305 with 13 home runs and 90 RBI in 1987, the 27-year-old native of Venezuela, dubbed by his teammates "El Gato Grande" (The Big Cat), went .302-.29-.92. He was the Expos' representative on the All-Star team and, says St. Louis Manager Whitey Herzog, "He's as good a right-handed first baseman as I've seen since Gil Hodges. The kid has Hall of Fame written all over him."

That might be a bit premature, but there's little doubt Galarraga, who possesses rare quickness for a 6-3, 235-pounder, has moved into the upper echelon of major league first basemen.

What made Galarraga's numbers all the more remarkable was the fact that he set a team record for season strikeouts with a whopping 153.

Despite all of Galarraga's brilliance, it was Brooks who emerged as Montreal's top clutch hitter. He was second to Galarraga with 90 RBI and hit a career-high 20 homers.

The rest of the Expos' outfield is loaded with question marks. Otis Nixon (.244), who joined the team on June 21 from triple-A Indianapolis, played in left and center field. He stole 46 bases but will win a spot in the lineup only if a November trip to Harry Walker's hitting school pays off.

Left fielder Tracy Jones (.295), acquired from Cincinnati in July, was traded in December to San Francisco for left fielder Mike Aldrete. A left-handed hitter, Aldrete averaged .267 last season, down from .325 in '87. Center fielder Dave Martinez (.255-.6-.46), traded from the Chicago Cubs for Mitch Webster just one day after Dombrowski got Jones, hit .287 after going hitless in his first 20 at-bats with his new team.



Montreal expects Tim Wallach to come around following a subpar 1988.

Nelson Santovenia (.236-.8-.41), called up from Indianapolis May 9, gave the Expos their best catching since the days of Carter.

Tom Foley (.265) was steady if not spectacular at second base, but the combination of Luis Rivera, Rex Hudler and rookie Jeff Huxton at shortstop was not good enough.

Rivera, along with second baseman Johnny Paredes, were highly touted triple-A prospects who became major disappointments. Last December, Montreal sent Rivera

and pitcher John Dopson to Boston for switch-hitting shortstop Spike Owen (.249) and a minor league pitcher.

The Expos' pitching, third in the league with a 3.08 ERA, was led by veteran right-handers Dennis Martinez (15-13, 2.72), Pascual Perez (12-8, 2.44) and Smith (12-10, 3.00).

Burke led the team in saves. Left-hander Joe Hesketh (4-3, 2.85), Andy McGaffigan (6-0, 2.76) and Jeff Parrett (12-4, 2.65) each registered 60 or more relief appearances and combined for 19 saves.

Right handers Parrett, a setup reliever, and starter Floyd Youmans were traded to the Philadelphia Phillies for right-hander Kevin Gross (12-14, 3.69), a solid starter who pitched 231⅓ innings, striking out 162 and allowing 209 hits.

Youmans has been plagued by a substance abuse problem. He was suspended by the commissioner's office last June and entered a rehabilitation center. It was his second run-in with substance abuse in as many years.

While the veteran starters performed yeoman's duties for the Expos in 1988, rookies Dopson and Brian Holman, and left-hander Neal Heaton struggled. Heaton went to the bullpen; Dopson was traded.

Left-hander Randy Johnson, at 6-10 the tallest player in the history of the majors, and triple-A prospect Sergio Valdez will get a good look this year.

Johnson was impressive after being called up from Indianapolis in September, going 3-0, 2.42 in four starts. He struck out 25 and gave up just seven walks.

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Hubie Brooks' goal: fewer errors, more homers.



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Cards Could Hold Hot Hand With Long-Hitting Brunansky

by Mike Eisenbath
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

It was another hot summer day during the Great Drought of 1988. The turf at Busch Stadium was an artificial green desert, shimmering lines of heat streaming skyward hours before the St. Louis Cardinals were to play another game in what was becoming a miserable, unbearable season. Only a nut would be out in such conditions if he didn't have to be.

Tom Brunansky didn't have to be on the field. No other Cardinal player was. Most weren't even at the ballpark yet; those who were around were playing cards or reading mail or doing something, anything, to stay in the air-conditioned clubhouse.

Brunansky stood in front of the Cardinals' dugout in ratty gray shorts and a T-shirt. Flanked by a couple of young clubhouse attendants, Bruno repeatedly batted a golf ball high into the sky. The object was to see how close he could get the ball to land to third base, then second base, then first. The Max-Fli missed third by a couple of feet. Brunansky's next shot missed second base by a few yards. But his final blast missed the first-base bag by inches.

Dripping with sweat, Brunansky beamed with quiet pride. No way those guys in the cool clubhouse were having as much fun.

"I realize that baseball should be played for fun," Brunansky says. "There is a lot of money and some big pressures involved, but things don't go as well if you forget that it's played for fun."

Things went well for Brunansky last season after being traded from the 1987 world champion Minnesota Twins to the '87 runner-up Cardinals on April 22. He rarely missed a day as right fielder. He hit .245, belted 22 home runs and drove in 79 runs.

After searching for a run-producing right fielder in the years since winning the '82 World Series, the Cardinals seem to have found him in Brunansky. The trade for second baseman Tom Herr weighed heavily in the Cardinals' favor.

"But I don't look at anything as far as my personal success," Brunansky says. "I like to win."

The top line of his association with baseball is having fun. The bottom line is winning. And, Brunansky figures, you have to read the top line before you get to the bottom.

Brunansky, 28, didn't need much time after the trade to fit in with his new teammates. He naturally was tentative when he first walked into the St. Louis clubhouse. After all, he had helped the Twins beat the Cardinals just a few months earlier. He was ready to lay low for a while and play his way into his teammates' good graces. But when he walked in, pitcher Joe Magrane greeted Brunansky with a handshake filled with shaving cream. The ice was broken.

Brunansky took to the National League with pleasure. He hit .313 with four home runs and 19 RBI in his first 20 days with the Cardinals.

"I didn't know what to expect," he says. "It was my first time in the league, so I just came in with my eyes open."

"I was very, very surprised by the way the National League game is played, and very happy. I like the parks and the way the running game is used."

Others talk about differences between the leagues, but those differences didn't seem to matter to Brunansky. In '88 he hit at least 20 home runs for the seventh time in seven major league seasons. He provided some of the power the Cardinals had been missing after losing free agent Jack Clark to the Yankees before the season. With the addition of first baseman-outfielder Pedro Guerrero, obtained from Los Angeles in an August trade for pitcher John Tudor, Cardinals fans figured their team finally had the punch to replace Clark.

"Brunansky and Guerrero have to take Tommy Herr's and Jack Clark's places,"

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Jose Oquendo (above) was out in front as the most versatile player in the NL, performing at every position. Joe Magrane (right) led the major leagues in ERA, and shortstop Ozzie Smith (below) earned his ninth Gold Glove.



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Cardinals Manager Whitey Herzog says. "Everybody wanted Tom Brunansky to take Clark's spot and do what he did, but Brunansky is just doing what Herr did in RBI and with a few more home runs."

Bruno did more than replace Herr's run production. He stabilized a right-field spot that had found disappointing play from David Green, Andy Van Slyke, Tito Landrum, Curt Ford and Jim Lindeman in previous years. Brunansky zealously grabbed the position. He stole bases: a career-high 16 in 22 attempts. He took the extra base frequently, challenging opposing outfielders. He attacked balls defensively yet didn't make an error until late September, the last NL outfielder to make one.

"I never would have been able to show my defensive abilities in Minnesota," Brunansky says. "There isn't a lot of room in the outfield there. I'm not blessed with a quick jump, but I like to run and I like to be aggressive on the bases and in the field. I try to take some chances. Play hard and play aggressive."

He works hard at playing, on and off the field. "I like to have fun," he says. "I'm not a quiet person. I like to be in the middle of things—although nothing I'd like to admit to."

Rumors abounded in St. Louis that Brunansky finally got back at Magrane for their lathery first encounter. Early in September, snappy dresser Magrane was told he had been selected to model clothing for a prominent national men's magazine. A photographer spent hours shooting Magrane in various sweaters and sportswear. It

turned out to be a joke, and the word around the clubhouse was that Brunansky was the instigator.

"Like I said," Brunansky says with a grin, "nothing I'd like to admit to."

Brunansky will acknowledge that he likes St. Louis' chances in 1989. "There is no way, with the talent we have here, that we can get as many bad breaks as last year," he says. "When you're a championship team, you win games you have no business winning; you just find ways or get breaks. But we were losing games we had no business losing."

"I'd like to have all of them out there healthy," Herzog says. "There's one thing we've got to be honest about: We've had injuries."

Injuries felled third baseman Terry Pendleton, center fielder Willie McGee, first baseman Bob Horner (not offered a contract for '89) and some key reserves last season. Injuries also took a toll on the pitching staff, keeping starters Magrane, Greg Mathews, Scott Terry and Danny Cox, and reliever Ken Dayley out for months at a time.

Winter flurries of trade talk filled the off-season air in St. Louis. The hottest rumor saw the Cardinals receiving Yankees first baseman Don Mattingly for various combinations, including Ozzie Smith, Tony Pena, McGee, Mathews and Magrane. But when the winter meetings ended, the Cardinals hadn't made a single deal in Atlanta.

Guerrero provides the run-producing potential the Cardinals desperately lacked when the '88 season began. Injuries such as a pinched nerve in his neck limited him to 364 at-bats, but he hit .286 with 10 homers and 65 RBI.

Vince Coleman (.260) failed to steal 100 bases in 1988 for the first time in his four-year career and tailed off from a hot start at the plate. Yet the left fielder stole 81 bases to lead the league for the fourth year.

Jose Oquendo was perhaps the Cardinals' most pleasant surprise of '88. He played every position during the season, including a four-inning pitching appearance in a 19-inning game against Atlanta; he got the loss, the first position player to earn a pitching decision in the major leagues since Rocky Colavito of the Yankees in 1968. But by season's end, Oquendo had won the starting second baseman's job. He hit .277 with seven homers and 46 RBI.

Center fielder McGee hit .292 and stole 41 bases, but he drove in just 50 runs, again prompting criticism of an inability to hit with runners in scoring position.

Milt Thompson (.288), a Philadelphia outfielder for the last three seasons, joined the Cardinals in a trade for catcher Steve Lake and outfielder Curt Ford. Lake hit .278 for the 1988 Cardinals, but Ford saw his average drop from .285 in 1987 to .195.

Pena, who hit .288 for Pittsburgh in 1986, bounced back from a 1987 slump (.214) and stacked up as one of the best catchers in the NL. He hit .263 with 10 homers and 51 RBI.

At shortstop, Smith's defensive stock took a beating statistically as he committed 22 errors. His .972 fielding average was his lowest since 1978. But his flash afield still excited St. Louis fans, and he is expected to be the cornerstone of the infield again this season. With his second successive season of fine offense—.270, 51 RBI, 57 stolen bases—Smith will be one of the catalysts on the team.

The Cardinals greatly missed production from Pendleton (.253). He was on the disabled list for most of June with a pulled hamstring, then needed surgery on damaged cartilage in his left knee in September. Pendleton still ranked third on the team with 53 RBI.

Constant injury problems stuck a revolving door on the gate for Cardinals starting pitchers. The biggest disappointment was right-hander Cox, who won just three games and lost eight, and was twice sidelined with elbow problems. This will be a pivotal season in his career.

Left-hander Magrane emerged as the staff leader. Although his record was 5-9, he led the major leagues with a 2.18 ERA and yielded just 133 hits in 165 1/3 innings. Jose DeLeon (3.67) led the staff with 13 wins, finally fulfilling long-awaited expectations. His 208 strikeouts were the most by a Cardinal pitcher since Bob Gibson in 1972. Terry (9-6, 2.92) was the biggest pitching surprise. A middle reliever who benefited from injuries to Cox and Mathews, Terry won seven consecutive decisions in the second half of the season. The fifth spot in the rotation, Herzog says, may go to Mathews since Larry McWilliams (6-9, 3.90) was not offered arbitration.

Todd Worrell (5-9, 3.00, 32 saves) remains the team's closer. He became the first pitcher to save 30 or more games in his first three major league seasons. Worrell has uncanny control for a hard thrower. John Costello, with a 5-2 record and 1.81 ERA, developed into the team's top middle reliever. But after Dayley, the rest of the bullpen remains in question. Cris Carpenter, who struggled after a promotion from triple A, and left-hander Frank DiPino (2-3, 4.98 with the Chicago Cubs), signed as a free agent, could answer some of the pitching problems.

Left-handed hitter Denny Walling (.239), acquired from Houston for Bob Forsch late in the season, will give Herzog plenty of flexibility on the bench. Tom Pagnozzi, who hit better than .320 in games he started and .282 overall, and Tim Jones (.269) also were expected to find spots as extras this season. But General Manager Dal Maxvill wants some right-handed-hitting bench help. St. Louis pinch-hitters averaged .215 last season.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

by Ken Picking
USA TODAY

Roger Clemens, in classic Rocket form, launching a two-hit shutout with 16 strikeouts.

Don Mattingly, bases loaded and the New York Yankees down one run in the ninth, digging in with a swivel of spikes and hips against indomitable Dennis Eckersley.

A sizzling, short-hop ground ball to Gary Gaetti; Bo Jackson's flashing feet kicking up a trail of white clouds over the first base line.

Bob Boone, automatically calling for a fastball on the outside, with Rickey Henderson, fingertips twitching, taking a pawing, perilous lead.

The best at their best, challenging the best. Who is the best?

These are some of the players who create the supreme moments of skill and suspense in the American League. So says a panel of 10 managers and three veteran coaches asked to pick the best in each of 12 categories. The voting managers included all but one of the holdovers from last year.

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BEST CLUTCH HITTER

Jose Canseco, Oakland's Mr. 40-40, may be the most intimidating with bat in hand. The numbers indicate Wade Boggs of Boston is the most difficult to deny a base.

But each team has its individual nemesis, and those are the ones remembered most vividly. Seven players were cited, with Mattingly, a model left-handed hitter and a perfectionist with the rare combination of high average and power, edging Canseco, George Brett of Kansas City and Milwaukee's Paul Molitor.

"Mattingly can be 0-for-3 with three strikeouts, you might have your best pitcher on the mound with the game on the line, and he'll still find a way to beat you," says Milwaukee Manager Tom Trebelhorn. "He can put the ball in play to center or left or pull it deep. He tunes into a higher level when he comes up in clutch situations."

Detroit Manager Sparky Anderson calls Molitor "a living, breathing run; he beats us every way a man can."

"Nobody does it better than Brett," says Toronto Manager Jimmy Williams.

BEST LEADOFF HITTER

The Yankees' Henderson, healthy, happy and hungry, is The Human Fuse, the most

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MANAGERS PARTICIPATING IN SURVEY

Sparky Anderson, Detroit; Doc Edwards, Cleveland; Tom Kelly, Minnesota; Tony La Russa, Oakland; Jim Lefebvre, Seattle; Joe Morgan, Boston; Tom Trebelhorn, Milwaukee; Bobby Valentine, Texas; John Wathan, Kansas City; Jimmy Williams, Toronto.

COACHES IN SURVEY

Johnny Goryl, Cleveland, now minor league field director; Alex Grammas, Detroit; Rene Lachemann, Oakland.

(Voters asked to name one player in each category.)

BEST CLUTCH HITTER

1. Don Mattingly, New York (3)
2. George Brett, Kansas City (2); Jose Canseco, Oakland (2); Paul Molitor, Milwaukee (2)
3. Mike Greenwell, Boston (1); Kirby Puckett, Minnesota (1); Cal Ripken Jr., Baltimore (1); Dave Winfield, New York (1)

BEST LEADOFF HITTER

1. Rickey Henderson, New York (11)
2. Wade Boggs, Boston (2)

FASTEST TO FIRST BASE

1. Bo Jackson, Kansas City (9)
2. Willie Wilson, Kansas City (3)
3. Ruben Sierra, Texas (1)

BEST STARTING PITCHER

1. Roger Clemens, Boston (8)
2. Frank Viola, Minnesota (3)
3. Bruce Hurst, Boston, now San Diego (1); Dave Stewart, Oakland (1)

BEST CLOSING RELIEVER

1. Dennis Eckersley, Oakland (9)
2. Dan Plesac, Milwaukee (3)
3. Jeff Reardon, Minnesota (1)

BEST MIDDLE RELIEVER

1. Gene Nelson, Oakland (7)
2. Chuck Crim, Milwaukee (3)
3. Eric Plunk, Oakland (2)
4. Mike Jackson, Seattle (1)

BEST DOUBLE PLAY DUO

1. Lou Whitaker-Alan Trammell, Detroit (10)
2. Fred Manrique-Ozzie Guillen, Chicago (2)
3. Harold Reynolds-Rey Quinones, Seattle (1)

BEST RUNNING DOWN FLY BALLS

1. Gary Pettis, Detroit (5)
2. Dave Gallagher, Chicago (2)
3. Ellis Burks, Boston (1); Bo Jackson, Kansas City (1); Kirby Puckett, Minnesota (1); Devon White, California (1); Willie Wilson, Kansas City (1); Robin Yount, Milwaukee (1)

STRONGEST-MOST ACCURATE OUTFIELD ARM

1. Cory Snyder, Cleveland (7)
2. Jesse Barfield, Toronto (5)
3. Dave Winfield, New York (1)

BEST CATCHER CALLING PITCHES, RUNNING A GAME

1. Bob Boone, California, now Kansas City (13)

BEST CATCHER, ARM-DEFENSE

1. Bob Boone, California, now Kansas City (4)
2. Ron Karkovice, Chicago (2); Terry Steinbach, Oakland (2)
3. Carlton Fisk, Chicago (1); Rich Gedman, Boston (1); Mike Heath, Detroit (1); Charlie O'Brien, Milwaukee (1); Tim Laudner, Minnesota (1)

BEST DEFENSIVE THIRD BASEMAN

1. Gary Gaetti, Minnesota (6)
2. Steve Buechele, Texas (4)
3. Wade Boggs, Boston (1); Kelly Gruber, Toronto (1); Carney Lansford, Oakland (1)

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(Voters asked to name one player in each category.)

BEST CLUTCH HITTER

1. Hubie Brooks, Montreal (3½)
2. Tony Gwynn, San Diego (2)
3. Will Clark, San Francisco (1½)
4. Kirk Gibson, Los Angeles (1); Keith Hernandez, New York (1)
6. Andre Dawson, Chicago (½); Pedro Guerrero, St. Louis (½); Kevin McReynolds, New York (½)

BEST LEADOFF HITTER

1. Brett Butler, San Francisco (3½)
2. Barry Bonds, Pittsburgh (2); Vince Coleman, St. Louis (2); Steve Sax, Los Angeles, now New York AL (2)
5. Gerald Young, Houston (1)
6. Barry Larkin, Cincinnati (½)

FASTEST TO FIRST BASE

1. Vince Coleman, St. Louis (9)
2. Willie McGee, St. Louis (1); Gerald Young, Houston (1)

BEST STARTING PITCHER

1. Orel Hershiser, Los Angeles (6½)
2. Dwight Gooden, New York (2)
3. David Cone, New York (1); Mike Scott, Houston (1)
5. Danny Jackson, Cincinnati (½)

BEST CLOSING RELIEVER

1. John Franco, Cincinnati (6½)
2. Steve Bedrosian, Philadelphia (3)
3. Todd Worrell, St. Louis (1½)

BEST MIDDLE RELIEVER

1. Jeff Robinson, Pittsburgh (3)
2. Andy McGaffigan, Montreal (2)
3. Jose Alvarez, Atlanta (1); Brian Holton, Los Angeles, now Baltimore (1); Craig Lefferts, San Francisco (1); Roger McDowell, New York (1)
7. Larry Andersen, Houston (½); Rob Murphy, Cincinnati, now Boston (½)

BEST DOUBLE PLAY DUO

1. Jose Uribe-Robby Thompson, San Francisco (7)
2. Rafael Belliard-Jose Lind, Pittsburgh (2)
3. Rafael Ramirez-Bill Doran, Houston (1); Garry Templeton-Roberto Alomar, San Diego (1)

BEST RUNNING DOWN FLY BALLS

1. Eric Davis, Cincinnati (4); Andy Van Slyke, Pittsburgh (4)
3. Brett Butler, San Francisco (1); Willie McGee, St. Louis (1); Kevin McReynolds, New York (1)

STRONGEST-MOST ACCURATE OUTFIELD ARM

1. Andy Van Slyke, Pittsburgh (6)
2. Andre Dawson, Chicago (1½)
3. Mike Marshall, Los Angeles (1); Kevin McReynolds, New York (1)
5. Glenn Wilson, Pittsburgh (½)

BEST CATCHER CALLING PITCHES, RUNNING A GAME

1. Gary Carter, New York (6)
2. Mike Scioscia, Los Angeles (3)
3. Mike LaValliere, Pittsburgh (2)

BEST CATCHER, ARM-DEFENSE

1. Benito Santiago, San Diego (7)
2. Mike Scioscia, Los Angeles (2); Mike LaValliere, Pittsburgh (2)

BEST DEFENSIVE THIRD BASEMAN

1. Tim Wallach, Montreal (6)
2. Terry Pendleton, St. Louis (3)
3. Jeff Hamilton, Los Angeles (1); Chris Sabo, Cincinnati (1)

by Ken Gurnick
Los Angeles Herald Examiner

Drafting for the office rotisserie league, you know what statistics to look for. You know the payoffs for home runs and shutouts, for stolen bases and RBI.

Baseball card collectors have a different approach to a dream team. Sure, performance is important but rarity counts, too.

All-Star voters, aware of half-season stats, also contribute to the popularity of players. Sometimes the voting may not be entirely fair.

What the pros look for in a ballplayer is what really matters. Baseball people—good baseball people—know what they want to see in a player, what the prototype should be.

After the 1988 season, National League managers were asked 12 questions designed to produce a cross section of opinion on the most skilled players in their league. All except one responded.

Results of the voting reveal a consensus of the best players in the league as seen through the eyes of those who manage with and against them, stressing parts of the game the casual fan might overlook.

These results suggest a classic confrontation between Orel Hershiser of Los Angeles, voted the most dependable starting pitcher, and Montreal's Hubie Brooks, the most reliable clutch hitter. There would be a dream matchup of San Diego's Benito Santiago, the best defensive catcher, against Vince Coleman of St. Louis, the fastest runner from home to first base.

So these are the best of the best.

BEST CLUTCH HITTER

The first category illustrates how managers differ with the traditionally accepted view of baseball fans. The choice here was not one of the league's highest-paid or well-known RBI men like Darryl Strawberry (New York), Will Clark (San Francisco), Tony Gwynn (San Diego), Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia), Keith Hernandez (New York), Kevin McReynolds (New York) and Andre Dawson (Chicago), although each received support.

The winner was Brooks, 32-year-old Expos outfielder who has driven in 100 runs only once in an eight-year major league career. Brooks has been juggled around defensively, from third base to shortstop to right field. Coming back from a knee injury, he remains the type of hitter an opposing manager does not want to bat with the winning run on base.

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even if he did finish behind teammate Andres Galarraga in RBI and game-winning RBI. Brooks received three and a half votes to two for Gwynn, the league batting champion.

BEST LEADOFF HITTER

Managers will tell you that there's more to leading off than just stealing bases.

Coleman had nearly twice as many steals as San Francisco's Brett Butler, but the Giants' pesky center fielder beat him and several other leadoff hitters because he can do more than just run.

As exciting as the speedy Coleman is, he has not refined his skills as a leadoff man, whose primary job is getting to first base, not stealing second or third. Butler last year had a .393 on-base percentage, second in the league; his walk total of 97 was second; and those two stats combined to result in 109 runs scored, which led. Coleman led in stolen bases but struck out more than twice as many times as he walked. His on-base percentage was .313.

Butler was the choice over Coleman and two other leadoff men who tied for runner-up: Pittsburgh's Barry Bonds and former Dodger leadoff hitter Steve Sax, now with the New York Yankees.

FASTEST TO FIRST BASE

They couldn't take this one away from Coleman. Not even being run over by the Busch Stadium tarpaulin in 1985 could rob the switch-hitter of his tremendous speed. Coleman was two votes shy of being a unanimous choice. Houston's Gerald Young and St. Louis' Willie McGee each got a vote.

BEST STARTING PITCHER

Naturally, Hershiser's 59 straight scoreless innings and World Series performance impressed the managers. He won this voting comfortably over the Mets' Dwight Gooden, with single votes going to Mike Scott (Houston) and David Cone (New York).

"The guy never misses a start," says Padres Manager Jack McKeon. Hershiser has become the Dodger successor to Fernando Valenzuela for durability as well as dependability.

Cincinnati Manager Pete Rose says that Hershiser wasn't going to win the Cy Young Award with three weeks left in the season because Jackson had better stats.

"But what Orel did was amazing," says Rose. "Danny didn't lose the Cy Young, Orel won it."

And Hershiser's manager has observed the magic recipe for his ace's success.

"Bulldog has the three C's," says Los Angeles Manager Tom Lasorda. "He has command, consistency and confidence. Confidence comes with the other two, and you can see it just looking in his face."



Brett Butler is the best in the NL at reaching first base—and then scoring.

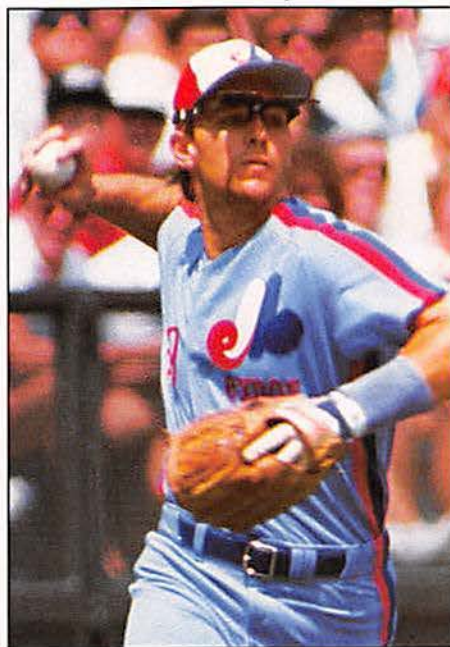
BEST CLOSING RELIEVER

Cincinnati's John Franco, traded away by the Dodgers as a minor leaguer, captured this prestigious designation after a season that further entrenched him as the premier

left-handed reliever in the major leagues. He outdistanced the 1987 Cy Young winner, Steve Bedrosian of Philadelphia, whose season was delayed by pneumonia.

"Even though he's not really overpowering like (Todd) Worrell (St. Louis) or Bedrosian, I'd go with Franco," says one NL East manager.

Wallace cut down rivals as top third baseman.



BEST MIDDLE RELIEVER

This is a category that retained its anonymity even among the managers, several of whom were stumped for a name. Pittsburgh's Jeff Robinson won over Andy McGaffigan of Montreal, but votes also went to Roger McDowell (New York), Craig Lefferts (San Francisco), Jose Alvarez (Atlanta), Brian Holton (Los Angeles in 1988, now Baltimore), Rob Murphy (Cincinnati in 1988, now Boston) and Larry Andersen (Houston). The common thread for all of the vote-getters was frequent use. Murphy (76 games) and Robinson (75) finished 1-2 in 1988 appearances.

Although the Expos finished 20 games back of the Mets, McGaffigan's contributions weren't overlooked.

"My guy went 6-0 with four saves," says Montreal Manager Buck Rodgers. "He did everything we asked."

Robinson figured in 20 of the Pirates' 85 wins without starting a game, getting 11 wins and nine saves.

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Benito Santiago sometimes fires a ball to a base almost as fast as he gets it from the mound.

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BEST DOUBLE PLAY DUO

The defensive segment of the poll is even more subjective than the previous questions. The layman's criterion depends on limited defensive statistics, and they can be misleading. Gold Glove awards are often awarded more on reputation than performance. For example, neither Jose Uribe nor Robby Thompson of San Francisco has won a Gold Glove, the generally accepted symbol of defensive excellence.

The only National League team defense that turned more double plays than the Giants was the San Diego Padres, whose DP combination received one vote. The Uribe and Thompson combination was an easy winner, however.

Finishing second was Pittsburgh's duo of shortstop Rafael Belliard and second baseman Jose Lind. Belliard led NL shortstops in fielding percentage.

BEST RUNNING DOWN FLY BALLS

In a rather surprising vote, Pittsburgh's Andy Van Slyke tied Eric Davis of Cincinnati. Although Van Slyke makes more catches, Davis makes more highlight films. In the minds of the managers, he combines the speed, reactions, agility and athletic ability of the perfect outfielder.

"He can run down the ball better than anyone," says Giants Manager Roger Craig.

Adds Rose: "He can do things that amaze you when he's healthy."

While not as flashy as Davis, Van Slyke made 406 putouts last year, over 100 more than Davis, who played in 22 fewer games.

Vince Coleman outsprints anybody going to first.



STRONGEST-MOST ACCURATE OUTFIELD ARM

From the perspective of a former third base coach, new Philadelphia Manager Nick Leyva offers his reasoning for the vanishing breed of outfield cannons.

"AstroTurf has given outfielders the luxury of not needing a strong arm," Leyva says. "The ball gets to them in a hurry and their throws get home faster, so many coaches are reluctant to send their runners. As a result, outfielders no longer work on developing arm strength."

The leading exception to this trend is Van Slyke, who distanced other league outfielders in the poll. Not even Dawson could come close to Van Slyke in the voting. The Mets' Kevin McReynolds, who led in outfield assists with 18, finished in a third-fourth-place tie with Mike Marshall of the Dodgers.

BEST CATCHER CALLING PITCHES, RUNNING A GAME

Gary Carter might have slacked off in his offensive production, but at age 34 with 14 seasons of big league experience, he is the catcher most managers would want calling pitches.

Carter has worked with the Mets' impressive pitching staff, and most managers feel the improvement of New York's pitchers is hastened by his input.

In a friendly dissent, Lasorda had similar praise for his catcher, Mike Scioscia, who was runner-up.

BEST CATCHER, ARM-DEFENSE

Santiago, the new kid on the block, was clearly the managers' favorite in this category because of an arm that truly is breathtaking. "Santiago can pick a runner off second base from his knees," says McKeon. "Nobody's got an arm like his."

Several managers, while recognizing the San Diego catcher's arm as unequalled, downgraded him for other mechanics and split votes between superior plate-blocker Scioscia and Pittsburgh catcher Mike LaValliere.

BEST DEFENSIVE THIRD BASEMAN

The managers gave the decision in this category to Montreal's Tim Lincecum by a six to three margin over Terry Pendleton of St. Louis. However, prevailing opinion indicated Pendleton, a Gold Glove winner in '87, might have emerged superior had he not missed 61 games with injuries.

Among the factors managers were asked to consider were the player's handling of slow rollers, his courage to stop shots, his range and his arm. Both Lincecum and Pendleton excel in each category, although the latter has greater range.

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Captain Van Slyke and Crew May Run Up Pirate Flag

by Paul Meyer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It was July 5 in San Diego, and Andy Van Slyke stood in center field, staring intently toward the infield. He could see the Padres' John Kruk on second base, could see Barry Jones on the mound, could see Benito Santiago at the plate. He knew his team, the Pittsburgh Pirates, led 3-2 in the bottom of the ninth inning of a game they had to win. They'd lost three straight—not the way to stay in a race with the New York Mets.

Van Slyke stared and he "talked" to Santiago. "OK, Benito," thought Van Slyke, whose seventh-inning home run had put the Pirates ahead. "If you're going to do something, do it to me. If you're going to be a hero, be a hero toward me. Because I'm going to try to be a bigger hero than you are."

Jones threw and Santiago swung, shooting a hard ground ball up the middle and into center field. Kruk chugged toward the plate, and Van Slyke sprinted toward the rolling ball that might give the Padres the tying run—and make Santiago a hero.

But Van Slyke, as happened so often in 1988, was a bigger hero. He threw a strike to catcher Junior Ortiz, who tagged Kruk and held onto the ball despite a jarring collision. Moments later, Jones struck out pinch-hitter Randy Ready, and the Pirates had a much-needed win.

Afterward, Manager Jim Leyland enthused about Van Slyke's play. "If Andy Van Slyke doesn't win the Gold Glove, they ought to throw away the award, because he's the best. He's put on a clinic in center field for the last three weeks. The Pirates could make one separate highlight film of him playing center field this winter."

There were some who thought Van Slyke should have won the Most Valuable Player award. As it was, the 28-year-old did win a Gold Glove and *The Sporting News'* National League Player of the Year award after helping the resurgent Pirates to second place in the National League East.

Van Slyke did it with his bat. He hit .288 with 23 doubles, 15 triples, 25 home runs, 100 RBI and 101 runs scored. And he did it with his glove. Seemingly, he spent half the season on his stomach in some part of the outfield making diving, sliding catches. And he had 12 assists, a remarkable figure because hardly anybody ran on his arm. He threw out nine runners at the plate.

"I don't want to just stand out there for nine innings and not have any say in the game," Van Slyke says. "Anybody can do that. I want it to happen. I don't want to be unnoticed when I'm in the field."

Actually, the Pirates will be out there this season to try to be on television next October—around 8:30 Eastern time most nights. They feel they've turned around a once-woeful franchise and are ready to win a division championship and be in the playoffs and World Series again.

Says third baseman Bobby Bonilla, like Van Slyke, a major reason for the turnaround, "We're so close to grasping a pennant it isn't funny."

It wasn't funny four years ago, either—but for a different reason. The Pirates were pathetic. Attendance was so low (735,900 in 1985) and the drug scandal so prevalent that the team almost left town. But new civic ownership, a new general manager (Syd Thrift) and a new manager (Leyland) relatively quickly brought new life to a franchise that was all but on a respirator.

In the flurry of deals Thrift made to weed out the dead weight and blend in young talent, the trade with St. Louis on April 1, 1987, stands alone. Thrift pulled what most people first thought was an April Fools' Day prank. He sent popular catcher Tony Pena to the Cardinals for Van Slyke, catcher Mike LaValliere and pitcher Mike Dunne. But it was anything but a joke. The deal went a long way toward removing the joke tag from the Pirates. And Van Slyke was a key reason.

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Van Slyke had chafed a bit in St. Louis, never receiving a chance to play regularly anywhere. But from his first day as a Pirate, he was a fixture in the lineup. Originally, he played right field, with Barry Bonds holding down center field. But in late May of '87, the Pirates shifted Van Slyke to center field and Bonds to left, a move that made both outfielders better defensively.

After a rough start offensively, Van Slyke developed into a weapon. He finished that season with a career-high .293 batting average, 36 doubles, 11 triples, 21 home runs, 34 stolen bases, 82 RBI and 93 runs. He was on his way to stamping himself as one of the premier players in the league, if not all of baseball. And in 1988, he arrived. He became the first Pirate to drive in and score at least 100 runs since Dave Parker in 1978. His 15 triples were the most by a Pirate in 44 years. He had 13 sacrifice flies. In mid-June, he drove in at least one run in 11 consecutive games. By June 27, he had double figures in all three extra-base-hit categories. And throughout, there was his defense.

"Andy loves to play defense," Leyland says. "He loves playing center field. He wants the ball hit to him. He has fun out there. He charges the ball better than anybody in the league. He comes on like a maniac."

What else would you expect from a guy whose favorite actor was Rin Tin Tin and who used to compete with older brother Matt to see which of the two would have a bigger pile of letters left in a bowl of alphabet soup?

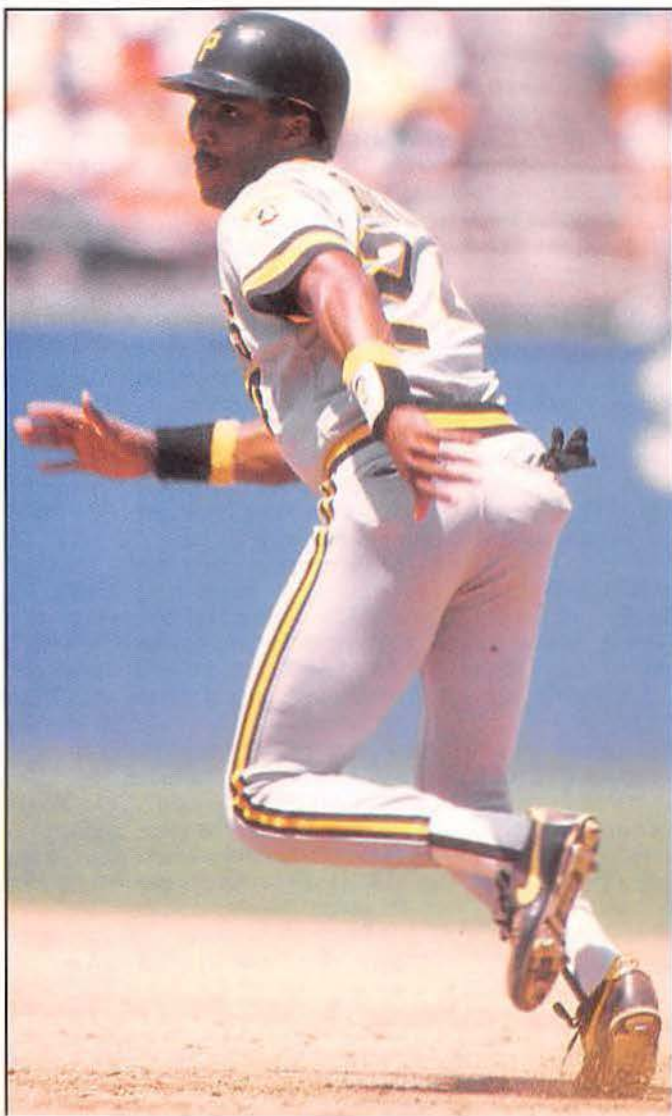
Near the end of the season, Van Slyke analyzed one of the best all-around years in the history of the club. "I think I've gotten better," he said. "But I think I can do better. I'm still learning a lot about hitting and pitching."

Van Slyke said that during the off-season he would find a left-hander to throw him breaking balls or get a machine that would throw one left-handed breaking ball after another. "I want to see breaking pitches so many times during the winter that I won't be surprised when the season starts," he said.

For sure, Van Slyke hasn't achieved all-around perfection. For the second straight season, the difference between his average against right-handed and left-handed pitching was over 100 points. In 1988, he hit .339 against righties but only .191 against lefties.

Van Slyke has a tendency to "give away" at-bats. He can lose his game plan on the way from the on-deck circle to the batter's box. "Every year, I do it less and less, though," he says. "When you go to bat 600 times in a season, there are going to be a certain number of times where you walk away from the plate and wonder why you ever went up there, where you just didn't have an idea what you wanted to do, where you haven't really focused in. The guys who really focus in are the most successful. I think it's

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Bobby Bonilla (above) hit 24 home runs and struck out 82 times. So did Barry Bonds (left). Bonds outhit his Pirate teammate, .283 to .274, while Bonilla led in RBI, 100 to 58, and, terribly important, had 13 game-winning hits to Bonds' three.



Bob Walk threw enough strikes to rank eighth in ERA in the National League.

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possible to do it every at-bat, but I don't think anybody has ever done it."

Van Slyke, however, did seem able to focus in on every play defensively. He capped his year in the outfield with a great play Sept. 27 in a game in Pittsburgh against the Cardinals. The Pirates needed to win to clinch second place. They led 3-2 in the ninth inning with one out, Jose Oquendo on third base and Luis Alicea at bat. Alicea sent a ball to medium-depth center field, apparently deep enough to score Oquendo. But Van Slyke caught the ball and fired a perfect one-bounce throw to LaValliere, who did an equally perfect job of blocking the plate. He tagged Oquendo and the Pirates were runners-up.

"It was a difficult play because it was kind of a line drive, and I couldn't set up," Van Slyke says. "When I saw (umpire) Doug Harvey ring him up, it surprised the heck out of me."

"I didn't think he had a chance," says Glenn Wilson, who was playing right field. "I thought, 'Well, we're going to extra innings.' But that play right there was one of the finest I've ever seen. Outstanding. Awesome. Totally awesome."

Van Slyke, however, downplayed it. "I'm happy about it," he said afterward, "but we still have a long way to go. If that throw had clinched the division, it would really have been something to celebrate. Hopefully, next year on this date I can make a throw like that to win the division."

In 1989, the Pirates will operate under a different general manager. Despite his suc-

cess in rebuilding the Pirates, Thrift was fired two days after the season ended because of what both sides said was a difference in how Thrift viewed his job and how Doug Danforth, the board chairman, and Carl Barger, the team's president, saw it. Larry Doughty, whom Thrift hired to be his assistant in October 1987, was named general manager.

Doughty's first task was to sign free agents Bob Walk, pitcher, and outfielders Gary Redus (.263 with the Chicago White Sox, .197 with Pittsburgh) and Wilson (.250 with Seattle, .270 with Pittsburgh). Doughty also had to work out a multiyear contract for Van Slyke, and he had other assignments. The Pirates were weak offensively at shortstop, where Al Pedrique, Rafael Belliard and Felix Fermin combined to drive in only 17 runs. That made the club vulnerable in the bottom of the batting order. The Pirates will try to improve in that area in '89.

The Pirates also would like to find a solid run-producer to bat behind Bonilla. Van Slyke, the No. 3 hitter, and Bonilla each drove in 100 runs, but production fell off drastically behind them. Wilson, owner of a rocket arm, will get the first crack at that job. With Wilson in right, Van Slyke in center and Bonds in left, the Pirates possess one of the strongest defensive outfields in baseball.

LaValliere (.261), who won a Gold Glove in '87, is solid behind the plate, although he didn't throw out nearly as many base stealers as in '87. Ortiz (.280) probably will play more in '89 as LaValliere's backup.

The Pirate infield is especially tight on the right side. First baseman Sid Bream was sec-

ond in the league with a .995 fielding percentage. He drove in 65 runs with 10 home runs and a .264 batting average. Second baseman Jose Lind had a spectacular first full season. He's an acrobatic defender who threatens to define his position as St. Louis shortstop Ozzie Smith defined his. Lind played 154 games, batting .262 with 49 RBI and 82 runs scored while hitting second behind Bonds in the lineup. Lind was outstanding in the clutch. He batted .364 with the bases loaded and .548 with a runner on third and less than two outs.

If the Pirates acquire a shortstop before the season begins, Belliard, as good a shortstop defensively as there is in the league, would become the backup infielder. Bonilla had defensive problems at third (32 errors) but he supplanted Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt as the league's starting third baseman in the All-Star game and survived a two-month slump in July and August to finish at .274, with 24 home runs.

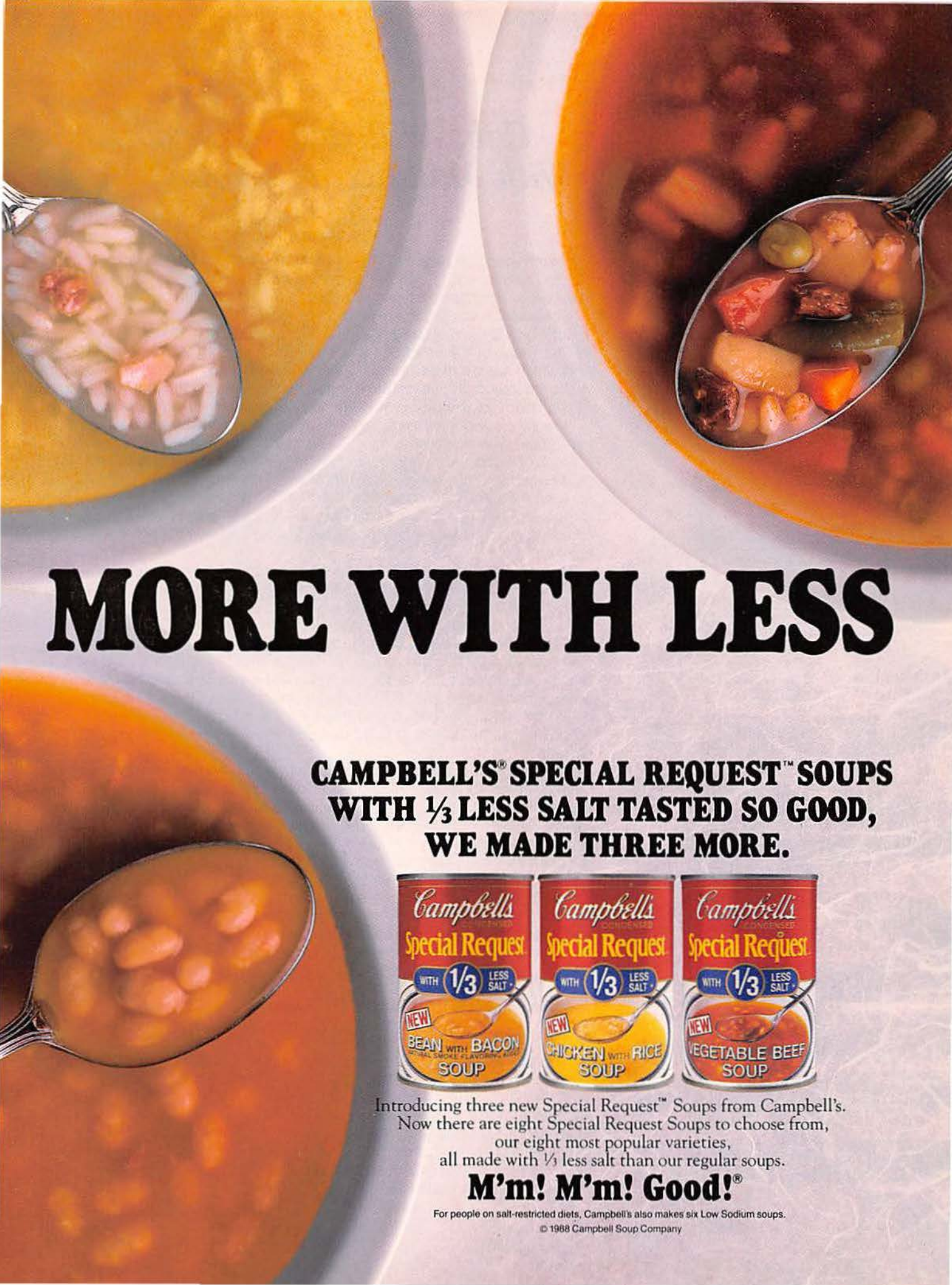
Bonds returns to ignite the offense. A power hitter in the leadoff spot, much like his father, Bobby, Bonds hit 24 home runs, drove in 58 runs and scored 97 while batting .283 despite being hobbled for the last half of the season with a knee injury that required arthroscopic surgery in the final week.

The Pirate pitching staff has made great strides under coach Ray Miller. With Dunne slumping to 7-11 (3.92 ERA), Doug Drabek (15-7, 3.08) emerged as the staff's ace. Walk, who won six straight decisions and then lost six straight, finished at 12-10 with a 2.71 ERA, and his record could have matched or exceeded Drabek's with a little more support. He was 1-6 in his last 12 starts despite a 2.88 ERA. LaPoint (10-11 with the White Sox, 4-2 with Pittsburgh) was lost via the free-agent route when he signed a three-year contract with the Yankees. John Smiley (13-11, 3.25), converted from a reliever to a starter in spring training, gave the Pirates the hard-throwing lefty they wanted.

The Pirates also were solid in the bullpen, where Jim Gott and Jeff Robinson combined for a 17-11 record and 43 saves. Robinson was 11-5. Gott set a Pirate record with 34 saves. Left-hander Bob Kipper, who someday might move into the starting rotation, was capable last season as a setup/situation man. Brian Fisher, who moved to the bullpen when LaPoint joined the team, did a good job in relief: 2-0, 0.78 with one save in 11 appearances. And if things get tight, there's always John Cangelosi. The little outfielder pitched two scoreless innings in relief in a game that got out of hand in Los Angeles in May.

In 1988, the Pirates demonstrated that the days of wholesale changes have ended in Pittsburgh. Some fine tuning is still needed, but the nucleus of a division winner is here.

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by Alan Solomon
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In the space of one season, Greg Maddux went from The Kid to The Wonder to The Suspect. "I'm thrilled to death," Maddux said upon winning his 18th game. Then, with a typically boyish grin, "I'm thrilled to death to spend a full season in the big leagues."

But which is the real Greg Maddux? The one that won 15 games before the All-Star break or the one that took two and a half months to win three more? And which are the real Chicago Cubs? The ones who played everyone tough in the first half of the season and landed six players on the National League All-Star team, or the ones who flattened out dramatically in the second?

"I really can't put my finger on it," says third baseman Vance Law, one of the All-Stars who didn't flatten out. "But we didn't play well for a month and a half."

Much of the focus, though certainly not the blame, fell on Maddux. His struggles symbolized the second-half problems of the entire ballclub. On July 10, he went the distance to beat San Diego 4-2. He was 15-3 with a 2.14 ERA at the time. The Cubs were in third place, 45-40, seven games behind the Mets—camouflaging the reality that without Maddux, the Cubs were 30-37 and headed nowhere.

"The first half of the year, I caught every break you can catch," he says. "Anything that could've gone my way went my way."

That July 10 complete game, his eighth of the season, would be Maddux's last until Sept. 28. It would be exactly a month, Aug. 10, before he would win his 16th game, in an outing trimmed to five and two-thirds innings by a line drive taken on his right forearm. It cost him a start. The Cubs were 55-56 then, 11 games out. On Sept. 13, Maddux won No. 17. He was 17-7, and his earned-run average had climbed to 3.31. The team was in fifth place, 69-75, 17½ games out.

"I didn't throw the ball as good as I did the first half," Maddux says, "but I didn't catch the breaks. If I had caught the breaks in the second half like I did in the first half . . ."

There were whispers. Maddux's fastball was still coming in at 90 mph, but the movement was gone. Manager Don Zimmer and pitching coach Dick Pole, who had worked with him on developing a curveball during the winter, swore he was fine. So did Maddux. "The ball was up in the strike zone," he would explain again and again. "When my ball is down, it's going to move more. People ask why I can't keep the ball down. It's not that I'm trying to throw it up."

Tired? "I didn't feel tired," Maddux says now. "I didn't feel like I'd lost anything on my fastball. I was up in the strike zone more, but I didn't get away with it like I did in the first half."

The fact remains that Maddux finished the year at 18-8, and that, for a 22-year-old pitcher who went 6-14 the year before, is a sensational season. Says Zimmer, "I think we'd have taken 18-8 when we left Arizona."

So Maddux may have been a symbol, but Maddux wasn't the problem. And if he wins 25 in 1989, he won't be the cure.

When Jim Frey succeeded Dallas Green as general manager after the 1987 season, he went after pitchers, giving up Lee Smith to get Calvin Schiraldi and Al Nipper from Boston. Added later to what Frey called his "inventory" were Mike Bielecki, Pat Perry, Bill Landrum and one Richard "Goose" Gossage.

Smith didn't have a Cy Young Award year in Boston, but he saved 29 games as his team won the American League East. Gossage, who was 4-4 with a 4.33 ERA, saved 13 games and blew 12 other opportunities. But those numbers fail to convey the horror. A better measure: Never in memory has any player, Cub or rival, generated the level of angry booing from the traditionally patient Wrigley Field fans that Gossage did.

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The Cubs hope Andre Dawson's season will be a tour de force comparable to his 1987 MVP year.

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For a month, Zimmer paced his bullpen to use Gossage as his closer. Unhappy with the results, Zimmer benched Gossage for two weeks, trotting out Frank DiPino, Les Lancaster, Mike Capel and Landrum.

When they didn't generate any magic, Zimmer went back to Gossage, and the Goose responded for a while. Then came June, and Gossage, in the space of seven days, blew two late leads to the Mets in New York and a third in Pittsburgh. For a mostly young team seeking confidence, the losses were crushing.

Publicly, Zimmer tried to take the heat off the bullpen, spreading the warmth to his starters. "Is it against the law to throw a shutout?" he asked. Privately, Zimmer ached. All this time, the Cubs had a quality short reliever on the staff, but Schiraldi had said in February that he wanted to start. And the new front office went along, eager to make this first trade work and afraid that Schiraldi's sensitivities might have been damaged by his well-documented failures in the 1986 World Series.

So, instead of the dominating closer whose strong arm helped get Boston into the '86 Series in the first place, the Cubs had in Schiraldi a six-inning starter whose drifting concentration made him 9-13 with a 4.38 ERA. Barring a major acquisition or soft-

headedness in the front office, Schiraldi will be in the bullpen in 1989, where he belonged in 1988.

Taking his place in the rotation will be Mike Harkey, who was a combined 16-4 with a 2.41 ERA at Class AA Pittsfield and triple-A

Mark Grace: an exciting second-year player.



Iowa. Harkey, 22, was 0-3 in five September starts but still impressed with a 2.60 ERA. "I've got to believe Harkey's going to be a big man for us," Zimmer says. At 6-5, Harkey should be.

Add Harkey to Maddux, Rick Sutcliffe (13-14, 3.86) and left-hander Paul Kilgus, acquired from Texas in a 6-for-3 trade at the winter meetings, and the Cubs have a reasonably sound top four. Kilgus was 12-15, 4.16 for the Rangers.

The Cubs parted with outfielder Rafael Palmeiro (.307) and pitchers Jamie Moyer (9-15, 3.48) and Drew Hall. In return they got Kilgus along with infielder Curtis Wilkerson, left-handed closer Mitch Williams (2-7, 4.63, 18 saves), starter Steve Wilson (15-7, 3.16 at double-A Tulsa) and two minor leaguers. Williams is a fastballer who struck out 61 in 68 innings.

Nipper was having a decent year (2-4, 3.04 ERA) as a spot starter and reliever before missing the last month and a half with nagging elbow problems. His future is anyone's guess.

Zimmer was impressed with Bielecki (2-2, 3.35), a gift from the Pirates. Bielecki had late success with a rediscovered split-fingered fastball and could make the rotation. Besides Schiraldi and Williams, the bullpen inspires mostly shrugs. Perry's (4-4, 4.14) troublesome back makes him a question. Lancaster's (4-6, 3.78) free spirit annoys the Cubs' management.

A pair of Kevins, Blankenship and Coffman, acquired from Atlanta in the late-season trade for catcher Jody Davis, are just two more pitchers who haven't proven they can win in the big leagues. Farm prospects are outfielders and catchers, not pitchers.

Gossage? Despite at least one shouting match with Zimmer, he'll be back, primarily because his contract runs through 1989.

Even with a pitching staff that ranked 10th in the league, the Cubs, until the last month, were competitive and entertaining. Andre Dawson's numbers (.303, 24 HR, 79 RBI) represented a serious dropoff from the right fielder's MVP figures of 1987, and perennial All-Star second baseman Ryne Sandberg (.264-19-69) bristled at his first taste of negative reviews in the media, but this was, overall, an upbeat ballclub.

Rookie catcher Damon Berryhill (.259), a switch-hitter, took Davis' job away at mid-season with a strong throwing arm and flashes of power.

But the best of the rookies was first baseman Mark Grace. The Designated Phenom during spring training after hitting .342 and .333 in two minor league seasons, Grace slumped late in camp, started the season at Iowa and wasn't hitting his weight in triple A when Frey went down to scout.

"He'd gotten it into his head that he had

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to hit home runs," says Frey. Grace regained his spray stroke and was recalled May 2 when Leon Durham played himself out of a starting job and eventually out of town. Grace had two hits in his first major league game, two more in his second and homered in his third. When the year was over, he had hit .296, sixth in the league, played an impressive first base and finished second to Cincinnati's Chris Sabo in a close Rookie of the Year vote.

"He knows how to play the game," says Sutcliffe, a Grace fan, "and he's not selfish."

Says Grace: "I'd like to drive in maybe 80 runs. Shoot, I'd love to drive in 100."

Law, coming off his best year in the majors, returns at third. He hit .293 with 11 home runs and 29 doubles, led the club in game-winning RBI with 12, hit .321 with runners in scoring position (Dawson hit .242, Palmeiro .257) and did wonders as a settling influence on shortstop Shawon Dunston, who finally approached his lofty potential.

"When a ground ball was hit to Dunston," says Zimmer of the old Shawon, "you'd almost cringe to see if he was going to catch it. And after he caught it, you'd cringe again, afraid he'd throw it into the upper deck."

At the break, Dunston was hitting .287 and fielding brilliantly. His defense held, though his batting average dipped into the .260s by August. Then, over the last 40 games, the old Dunston began to seep through: bad swings, bad errors. He ended the season at .249 with 56 RBI. Which Dunston will show up in 1989? For that matter, which Cubs team will show up?

"I can see us in the thick of things," says Grace. "Veterans like Dawson and Sandberg and Sutcliffe are still there to take care of us young guys when we go sour. I think we're going to have a real good ballclub."

Says Law, "We have to be a better team, because our younger guys will have a year of experience under their belts."

Says Dawson, "We've got some young players who are promising and who put together fine seasons, but we do need some more power in the middle of the lineup. Of course, it's hard to find players like that."

Despite all the rookies, and with the ordinary Mitch Webster (.260) in center field, the Cubs led the league in hitting last year and were third in runs scored.

Switch-hitter Doug Dascenzo (.295 at Iowa) was given a brief look in center field at the end of the season. He could figure more prominently in '89. Dwight Smith (.293 with 48 RBI at Iowa) leads prospects to replace Palmeiro in left field.

The offense, with maturity, figures to get better. Frey has promised to shore up a tragic bench whose busiest pinch hitter, the departed Jerry Mumphrey, was 5-for-50. Wilkerson, a switch-hitter, could contribute



Vance Law's average (.293) was his career high spot, but at 32 he figures he can do better.

there. He batted .293 at Texas last season but drove in only 28 runs in 117 games. He played third base, second and shortstop.

The starting pitching, with Sutcliffe healthy, Harkey up for the whole season and Maddux a year older, is capable of good things. Maddux thinks so, and he isn't worried in the least about a carryover of last season's second half.

"I got the feeling everybody overreacted,"

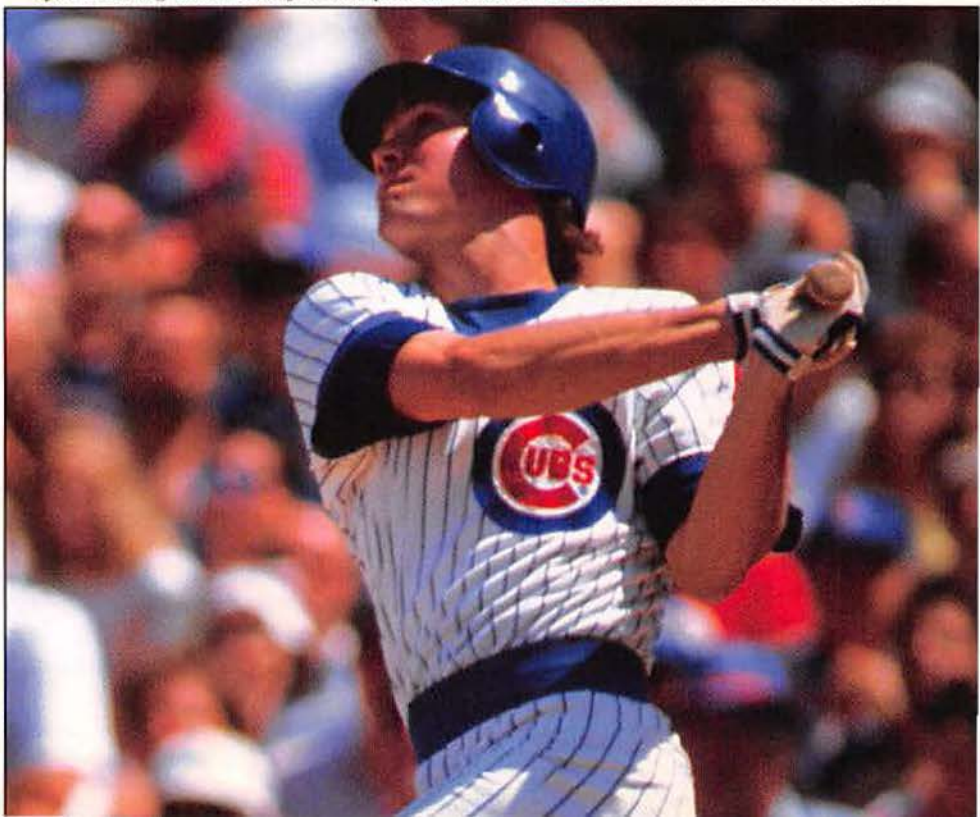
Maddux says. "They overreacted when I won 15 games—'Oh, he's the greatest.' And then when I stopped winning, it was, 'What's wrong now?'"

"I just want to keep our team in games. That's what a starting pitcher has to do: keep his team in games for six or seven innings. If he can do that, he's gonna keep giving his team wins."

If his team has a bullpen.

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Ryne Sandberg didn't strike fear into pitchers' hearts as usual but earned his sixth Gold Glove.



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by Frank Dolson
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Things change quickly in baseball. Two years ago, Philadelphia Phillies reliever Steve Bedrosian won the National League Cy Young Award. Last year his season opened in a minor league ballpark in Richmond, Va., mopping up for the triple-A Maine Phillies against the Richmond Braves.

The first batter Bedrosian faced wasn't Dale Murphy or Darryl Strawberry or Andre Dawson, but a triple-A pitcher named Bean Stringfellow who, in a rare at-bat, distinguished himself by actually hitting the ball—a slow hopper to second base.

Bedrosian was pitching in the International League instead of the National League because he had contracted pneumonia before the season began. His sickness was a contributing factor to the slow start that doomed the Phillies to a last-place finish in a season of high expectations. But we learned a lot about Bedrosian that night in Richmond, and in the minor league nights that followed, by the manner in which he handled adversity.

Some big league stars, forced to return to the minors, even for a relatively short period, show up with chips on their shoulders. Not this one. From the time Bedrosian arrived until the day he left, he was one of the gang, playing cards with the kids, playing "pepper" before games. It was no picnic, to be sure.

One night near the end of Bedrosian's stay, when he was scheduled to pitch an inning or two, the fog rolled in at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, forcing a postponement. "So I threw on the side to the catcher," he recalls, "but it was getting so foggy he couldn't even see. It got to be funny—you know, getting fogged out and the lights being bad.

"I looked at the whole thing as a stepping stone to get back. George Culver (manager of the '88 Maine Phillies) said when I left, 'You're a real professional.' I didn't go there and 'big league' anybody and say, 'Well, I don't have to do exercises with them,' and hang out by myself. I did everything I had to do. I yelled in the dugout with them. Baseball's baseball."

And Bedrosian is special, a hard thrower who has the stuff—both on the ball and on the inside—to handle the most testing job in the game: coming in to protect slim leads in the late innings.

That rehabilitation stay with Maine, he says, "makes you realize where you came from, what you went through to get to the big leagues."

And what happened to Bedrosian when he returned to Philadelphia made him realize how frustrating it is to be a late-inning, game-saving specialist for a team that seldom had late-inning leads.

Despite the pneumonia that cost Bedrosian seven weeks with the big club, despite the Phillies' season-long inability to score runs, he managed to get 28 saves. But there were stretches when he sat in the bullpen waiting, not all that patiently, for the next save situation to come up.

"I snapped last year more than a few times," Bedrosian says. "I think it was the whole year building up inside me. Just a matter of frustration, really."

Actually, he is a man with the ideal temperament for the emotional roller-coaster ride that is late-inning relief. He wants to be out there with the game on the line. The question is, will the 1989 Phillies have enough games on the line to justify keeping one of baseball's premier relievers?

Ironically, Bedrosian, who chose a three-year contract with the Phillies over free agency, could well be used as trade fodder. It all depends on how the team does in the early going. Another bad start and he'll probably be gone; a great reliever is a luxury for a last-place ball club. For that reason, it came as something of a surprise when Bedrosian chose to re-sign.

"It took a lot of consideration," he says. "It was a tough decision. I could

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have gone free agent so easy. As a matter of fact, there were times I thought I was going to. They'd already made it clear that if we struggle again, they're not going to need a stopper, and they can deal me for someone who can strengthen the team in other areas."

And still Bedrosian decided to return. In a year when even the front office has displayed little of its customary preseason optimism, Bedrosian chooses to believe the under-achievers of '88 will turn into overachievers this year.

"These guys can play," he says. "If there was something missing last season, it wasn't talent but leadership and tenacity, and that just made the whole year miserable. Yet as miserable as it was, as much as I got down at times, I still feel this team can win."

What the '89 Phillies need desperately is a decent start, something the last few Philadelphia teams have been unable to produce. A year ago, then-Manager Lee Elia conducted one of the best Philadelphia spring training camps in memory. And still, once the season began, the team fizzled.

"He (Elia) tried yelling at us," says Bedrosian. "He tried ignoring us. He tried firing us up. He did everything he could. Nobody responded. We need a leader."

Bedrosian means a leader among the everyday players. A manager, after all, can do only so much.

"Maybe someone like Tommy Herr will wake us up," Bedrosian says of the second baseman traded from Minnesota for pitcher Shane Rawley. "He's been on a winner before. He knows what it takes. If someone doesn't get a runner over when he's supposed to, maybe he'll say something. I hope so. That's what the guys need—a little kick."

They also could use some quality starting pitching, better catching and a better all-around shortstop. And that's only part of it. Seldom have a new general manager (Lee Thomas), a new manager (Nick Leyva), a new pitching coach (Darold Knowles) and a new batting coach (Denis Menke) gone into a season with more holes to fill, more questions to be answered.

The new GM took a major gamble at the winter meetings, trading the Phillies' No. 1 starter, Kevin Gross, a member of the 1988 National League All-Star team, to Montreal for starter Floyd Youmans (3-6, 3.21) and reliever Jeff Parrett (12-4, 2.65). Parrett will be a fine setup man for Bedrosian and, if circumstances dictate trading Bedrosian, a future stopper in his own right. But Youmans, the fireballing right-hander the Phillies hope will take Gross' spot in the rotation, arrives with a history of substance abuse problems and a reputation for poor work habits. Still, there's no doubt about his potential, and the Phillies jumped at the chance to get two strong arms for the price of one.

Says Leyva: "I think the bottom line is, if Floyd Youmans didn't have those past problems, the Expos wouldn't have even considered a trade. We're in a position where we haven't been successful the past few years, and we're willing to take that gamble. He has a chance to be our No. 1 guy."

Thomas says, "We probably put ourselves in a little more precarious situation if he doesn't pan out, but I didn't come over here to stand pat."

A couple of days after saying that, Thomas made another move, shipping left fielder Phil Bradley, obtained the previous year from the Seattle Mariners, to Baltimore for 1988 Los Angeles right-hander Ken Howell (10-1, 3.27 at triple-A Albuquerque), and Gordon Dillard, a left-handed reliever who pitched in double A last season. All of which leaves the Phillies with a likely starting rotation of Youmans, left-handers Don Carman (10-14, 4.29) and Bruce Ruffin (6-10, 4.43), Howell, and possibly Marvin Freeman (2-3, 6.10 with Philadelphia; 5-5, 4.62 with Maine), the occasionally brilliant but inconsistent right-hander.

There are many questions to be answered if the Phillies are to be respectable.

Can Mike Schmidt (.249) bounce back from a torn rotator cuff and a 12-homer, 62-RBI year to provide the Phillies with the power that was woefully lacking in '88? And can he make that throw from third to first? Chris James (.242-19-66), who played both third base and outfield in '88, led his team in homers. If Schmidt is slow to recover, James apparently will take his place.

Can Juan Samuel, who had such a disappointing year (.243, 12 home runs, 67 RBI), rebound offensively while making the switch from second base, which now belongs to

Herr (.263 with Minnesota), to center field?

Can first baseman-outfielder Von Hayes (.272-6-45), the only proven left-handed hitter in the Phillies' lineup, finally produce the really big numbers that have been expected of him?

Can first baseman Ricky Jordan (.308-11-43 in 273 at-bats) and right fielder Ron Jones (.290-8-26 in 124 at-bats) pick up where they left off?

Can the Phillies improve at shortstop, where Steve Jeltz hit only .187 last year, and catcher, which is now in the hands of Steve Lake (.278), acquired from St. Louis in a trade. Darren Daulton (.208) and John Russell (.245) after Lance Parrish was traded to California?

Who will replace Bradley in left field and the leadoff spot? Eric Bullock, obtained in the trade for Herr, hit .309 and stole 51 bases in triple A, but has played only 16 major league games. Bob Dernier (.289 in 68 games) is an experienced outfielder. Outfielder Curt Ford (.195) came from the Cardinals in the deal involving Lake, with the Phillies giving up Milt Thompson (.288).

It's painfully clear how far the club that Phillies President Bill Giles once promised would be "The Team of the '80's" has fallen. As usual, when teams fall apart, managers get fired. So it was that Elia paid the price for the cellar finish of '88. Now it's Leyva's turn to occupy the hot seat. Why would a man want to subject himself to that?

"First of all," says Leyva, an ex-Cardinal coach, "I wanted the opportunity (to manage in the big leagues). Everywhere I've gone I've accepted the challenge. I feel confident. I feel that I can turn these guys around. I think there is a nucleus to work with here. If we can improve ourselves in a couple of areas, we can become a .500 club."

Clearly, this is a ballclub—in fact, an organization—in transition. Just how desperate things are can be seen by this rather remarkable fact: The Phillies produced two members of the 1988 National League All-Star team, Gross and Parrish, and both have been traded.

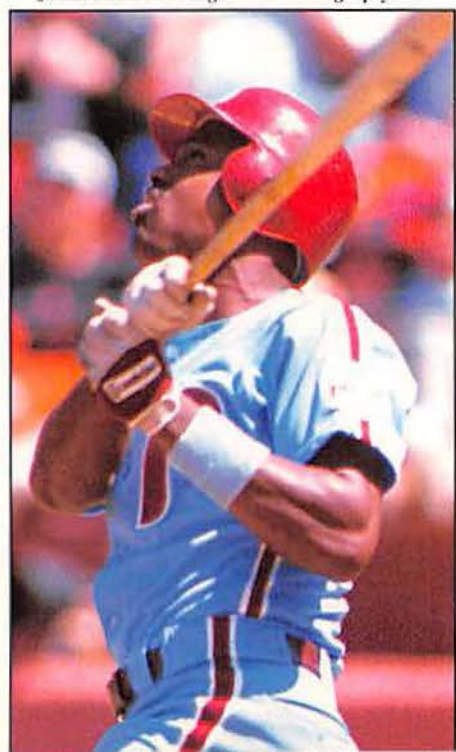
Says Leyva: "It takes team effort to win, and I sensed more individual effort (on the '88 Phillies). You can't be selfish."

"I just didn't sense anything good over there last year. It's like they didn't have any fun. Of course, that can happen when you bury yourself early in the season. We can't let that happen. We've just got to get them in the right frame of mind when they come out of spring training. They've showed in the last few years that when you get off bad, it's like a chain reaction."

Phillies managers have been saying that since '84. There is one optimistic note, however. After what happened last year, things almost have to improve.

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No Dodging This Pick: L.A.



by Charlie Miller
Managing Editor

Even before Hershisers' Orel surgery on the National League last August and September, the Dodgers had pulled out ahead in the NL West. This year it may take Los Angeles a little longer. Expect the Dodgers to repeat as division champions. But don't expect the Giants and Reds to give up easily.

The Dodgers will have a new look in 1989 with the addition of Eddie Murray and Willie Randolph on the right side of the infield. Look for Murray to have a long-awaited resurgence in his new surroundings; the California sun should bring his offensive output back to what Baltimore fans enjoyed in the early 1980s. From 1980 to 1985—excluding the strike-shortened season of 1981, when he led the American League in home runs and RBI—Murray hit .305 and averaged 31 home runs and 114 RBI a season. He could be an impact player for the Dodgers much like Kirk Gibson in 1988.

Randolph may not be the ideal leadoff hitter to replace Steve Sax, but the former American League All-Star will furnish stability at second base.

The lineup of Gibson, Murray and Mike Marshall gives Manager Tom Lasorda an offense he hopes will take some pressure off Hershisers & Co. Oddly enough, pitching may not be the Dodgers' greatest asset this summer. If John Tudor and Fernando Valenzuela can't come back from injuries, the staff may be pieced together behind starters Hershisers, Tim Leary and Tim Belcher, and relievers Jay Howell and Alejandro Pena. Uncertainty on the mound may give Los Angeles a sluggish start. But Lasorda will find a way to win again in Tinseltown, denying the Giants and Reds opportunities to unseat the champions.

San Francisco or Cincinnati could win the NL West. San Diego will be put on hold another year. Houston will begin its descent toward the cellar. And Atlanta, much improved, may move up to third in 1990 but probably won't pass Houston in 1989.

San Francisco's defense is strong up the middle, the best in the West. The Giants have a solid offensive threat in Will Clark. Brett Butler, a top leadoff man, and former Mon-



Orel test: Will Hershisers' streak go on and on?

treil outfielder Tracy Jones provide speed in a lineup that may have to manufacture most of its runs.

Craig Lefferts, Scott Garrelts and Don Robinson give Manager Roger Craig flexibility with his pitchers. Craig gets more production from a mediocre staff than any manager in the division, and he is especially adept at winning games with scrappy offense and tight defense. He just won't win enough this year to catch his rival down south.

Every year since 1985, the baseball world has waited for the Reds to take it all. Every year they have finished second. Cincinnati finishing in the upper division is a cinch, but winning it all isn't likely for Pete Rose's team. Cincinnati may have the best left side of the infield in the league with third baseman Chris Sabo and shortstop Barry Larkin. The top of the batting order, featuring Kal Daniels, Larkin, Sabo and Eric Davis, also may be best in the NL. But the Reds have weaknesses at second base and right field, an aging catcher, and no strong fifth-place hitter behind Davis. Jeff Reed will help ease the

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catching problem, but neither newcomer Todd Benzinger nor Paul O'Neill will fill the hole behind Davis.

Left-handers Danny Jackson and Tom Browning anchor a good starting rotation. Closer John Franco is one of the best. Some production from the bottom of the batting order and strong years from third and fourth starters Jose Rijo and Rick Mahler could give Cincinnati its first NL West title since 1979. However, third place seems more likely.

Trader Jack McKeon has acquired some big-name players in first baseman Jack Clark and left-handed pitcher Bruce Hurst. However, San Diego's Manager-VP still doesn't have a leadoff man, a shortstop, a center fielder or a right-handed reliever. Tony Gwynn, Clark—when he's healthy—and the left-field platoon of John Kruk and Carmelo Martinez provide pretty good punch. There's little help elsewhere. A solid fourth-place slot for the Padres.

Houston's outfield of Billy Hatcher, Gerald Young and Kevin Bass is not bad. The infield of Glenn Davis, Bill Doran, Ken Caminiti and Rafael Ramirez is not bad, either. The pitching staff led by Mike Scott and bullpen ace Dave Smith is—well, not bad. Nevertheless, the Astros are on the decline and will have to battle Atlanta for fifth place.

The young, talented infield of Gerald Perry, Jeff Blauser, Ron Gant and Andres Thomas, along with pitchers Pete Smith, John Smoltz and Tom Glavine, will give Atlanta a lot to cheer about in the future. But for the present, Braves fans have fifth place to strive for, sixth place to accept.

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Dodging No-Repeat Rule Tough Even with Gibson and Hershiser

by Ross Newhan
Los Angeles Times

To say there was resentment among some members of the Los Angeles Dodgers would be accurate.

Resentment toward the media theory that they had been nothing but laid-back, sun-baked beach boys before Kirk Gibson, unshaven and carrying a war club, arrived out of the Stone Age to change atmosphere and attitude. Resentment toward Gibson himself, however?

No way.

Teammates offered only praise when Gibson was selected the National League's Most Valuable Player. They acknowledged that their improbable march to a World Series championship could not have been possible without him. They saluted his intensity and aggressiveness. But they also suggested that it should be kept in perspective. Just because the Dodgers finished 16 games under .500 in both 1986 and 1987 didn't mean they weren't trying, they said.

"Never mind all the nonsense you read about him coming in and teaching the Dodgers how to win," relief ace Jay Howell said. "Gibson deserves to be the MVP because of what he did on the field."

"Look at what he did in the eighth and ninth innings of tight games. Look it up, it's incredible. Time after time he would take the extra base, come up with the big hit, get the timely walk."

Said catcher Mike Scioscia: "I'd vote for Kirk for MVP because he hit 25 home runs, drove in 76 runs and stole 31 bases. If we don't have that offense, we don't win, but by no means was he the designer of our psyche."

"As long as I've been here, we've had guys with his desire. I mean, Kirk Gibson wasn't the first guy in a Dodger uniform to break up a double play or play with pain or not be afraid to get his uniform dirty. We've all played aggressively."

"It's just that Kirk is so strong on intangibles that people start looking for it. But you can't say that Kirk Gibson carried us or Mike Marshall carried us. No one person did."

Gibson himself would agree with that. After all, he had only one at-bat in the World Series, when the undermanned Dodgers demolished the favored Oakland A's in five games. "We had a team approach that kept us together," he says. "We weren't a one-man team. We gained character as the season went along. We answered every bell."

Perspective, of course, is in the eye of the beholder. Gibson, perhaps, did not design the Dodger psyche, but he certainly seemed to reshape it. "He made it cool to be aggressive, to work hard and to hustle," says pitcher Orel Hershiser, winner of the Cy Young Award.

Cool? That's a California term that a grizzled outdoorsman from Michigan might not use, though the meaning is clear.

"I know only one way to play and that's hard," Gibson says. "I've always had a competitive personality. I let my emotions show. I'm the type guy, if you're backing me into a corner, you're looking for a . . . well, there'll be only one way out, let's put it that way."

"I certainly don't look for trouble. In fact, I actually try to avoid it because I know myself and I know what happens when I get enraged."

The Dodgers found out early. Leaving the clubhouse in preparation for the team's first spring training game, Gibson tugged his cap low on his forehead and found that someone—later learned to be relief pitcher Jesse Orosco—had smeared eye black around the inside of the band as a practical joke.

Gibson wasn't laughing. He called his teammates clowns, said he now understood why they had done so poorly the last two years and bolted camp, forcing Manager Tom Lasorda to scratch his name from the lineup card. Gibson

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The City of Angels is still agog over Orel Hershiser's extraordinary September-October pitching.

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returned the next day and said he goes to spring training to prepare for the season, not participate in sophomoric pranks. Lasorda had a team meeting and similarly reminded his team of why it was in Florida.

The incident was credited with setting a tone, snapping the Dodgers to attention and turning them into intense competitors in the Gibson mold.

Gibson repeatedly rejected that theory, but center fielder John Shelby said: "There are not many times you go into spring training and find out the way somebody is right away. He rang a bell. He woke us up. We had read a lot of things about him, and we found out he was there for one reason, playing ball."

Fred Claire, the Dodgers' executive vice president, knew what he was getting. He had reviewed every Dodger scouting report on Gibson before making a futile bid to trade Pedro Guerrero for the Detroit Tiger outfielder at the baseball meetings in December 1987.

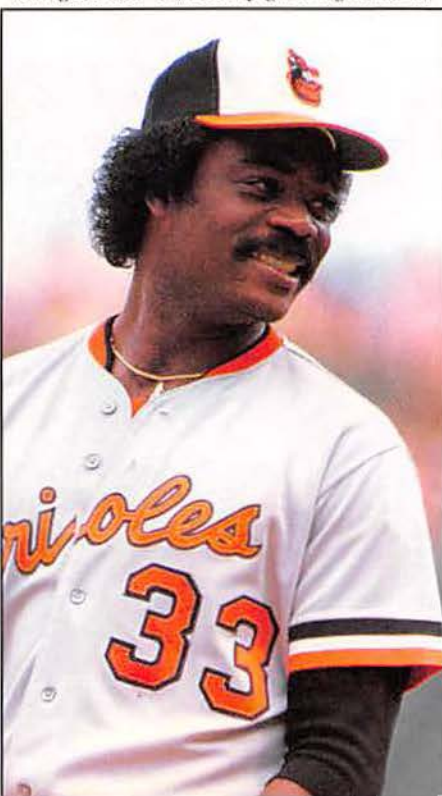
Then, a month later, after ruling that the owners were guilty of collusion after the 1985 season, when Gibson had been a free agent, arbitrator Thomas Roberts restored Gibson's free agency, sending Claire on the hunt again. This time he was successful. Gibson signed a three-year, \$4.5-million contract with the Dodgers.

At 30, after eight full seasons with his hometown Tigers, Gibson, convinced he would never completely live up to expectations in Detroit, said he was ready for a change.

But Tinseltown? So far from his favorite hunting and fishing areas in Michigan? Gibson called it culture shock and a major adjustment but credited Dodger management, teammates and fans with speeding his adjustment.

"It didn't take me long to feel comfortable," Gibson says. "I felt that if I stayed relaxed and

L.A. got a new 1B, Murray got a big bankroll.



healthy, I could make an impact, and I think I did. I see myself as an impact player."

Impact?

"I wish I had 24 Kirk Gibsons," Lasorda said last season. "He wants to win badly. He'd go 4-for-5 and be miserable because we lost. And he'd go 0-for-4 and be the happiest guy in the clubhouse because we won."

In winning the MVP award, Gibson, who hit .290, outpolled players who had better statistics. His RBI total was the lowest for an MVP since Pete Rose won with 64 in 1973.

"I'm not a numbers person," Gibson says. "I never set goals to hit this many home runs or drive in this many runs. I think there are intangibles in this game. Obviously, the intangibles were taken into consideration (in the MVP vote), and that makes me feel good."

"My goal was to win the world championship. I felt that if I gave too much thought to the MVP it would take away from that goal. Now that we've become world champions, it makes this that much sweeter."

In the Dodgers' climactic surge to the world championship, Gibson played a limited but significant role. Handicapped by a hamstring strain in his left leg, he still won two of the playoff games with the Mets by hitting home runs. In Game 7, however, he sprained a ligament in his right knee and had only one at-bat in the World Series.

But what an at-bat.

Limping out to face Oakland relief ace Dennis Eckersley with two out, one on and the Dodgers trailing 4-3 in the ninth inning of Game 1, in Los Angeles, the off-balance Gibson took the count full and then hit one of the most memorable home runs in World Series history. It lifted the Dodgers to a 5-4 victory and touched off a celebration that threatened to shake the San Andreas fault line off the Richter scale.

By the time Gibson reached the clubhouse, the nameplate had disappeared from above his locker and been replaced by a scribbled Roy Hobbs, the name of the baseball-playing hero of Bernard Malamud's novel, *The Natural*.

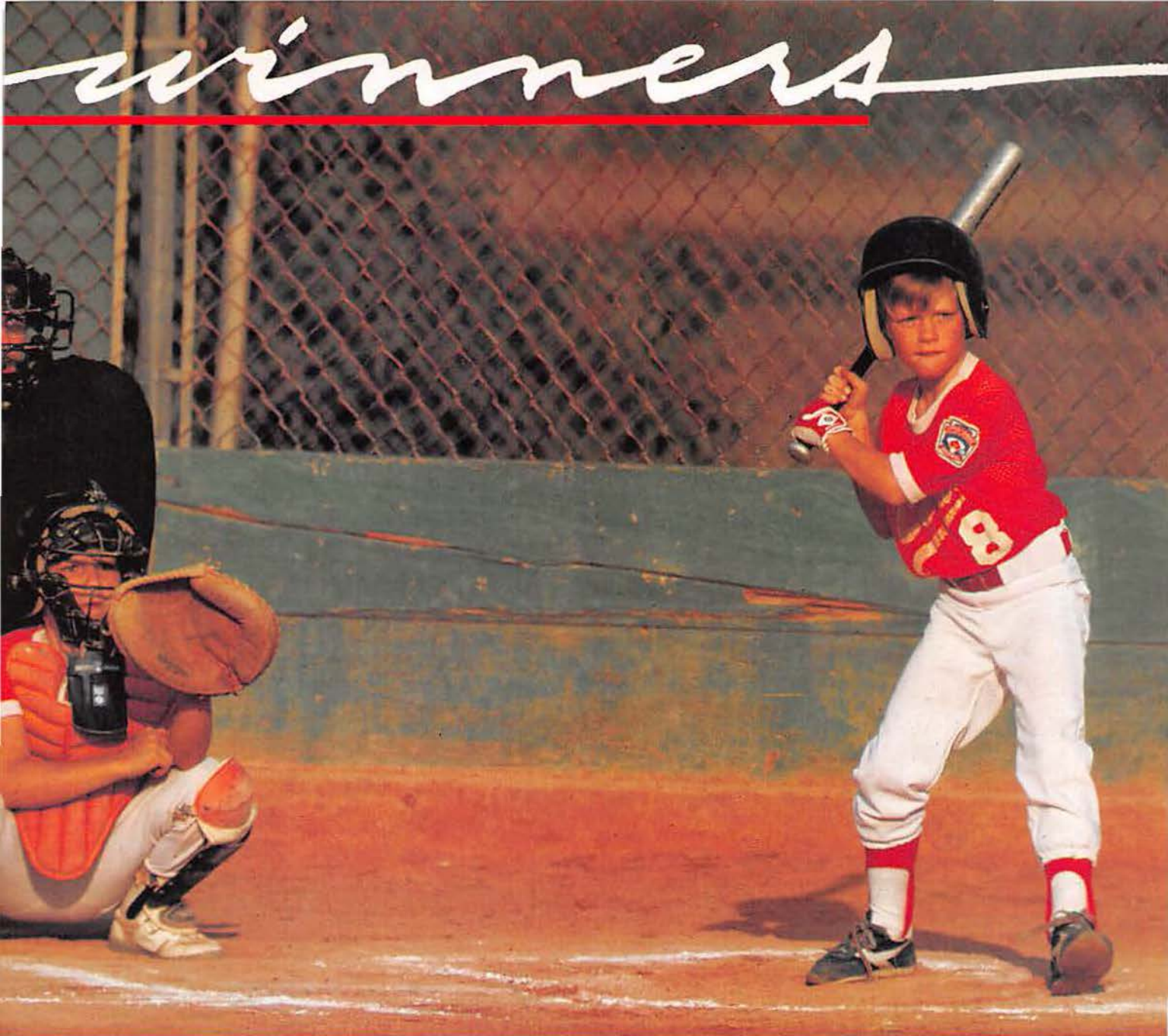
The hobbled Gibson didn't appear again in the World Series, but he wasn't needed. The one appearance was impact enough. It was as if the A's never recovered.

"Just shows the way fate was on my side and the Dodgers' side this year," Gibson said in reflection.

Can it happen again? Can Los Angeles become the first team to win back-to-back World Series since the New York Yankees in 1977-78?

It won't be easy even though Los Angeles had the winners of the two most prestigious player awards in 1988. Hershiser (23-8, 2.26), who received all 24 first-place votes in the Cy Young Award balloting, led the league in shutouts with eight and tied Cin-

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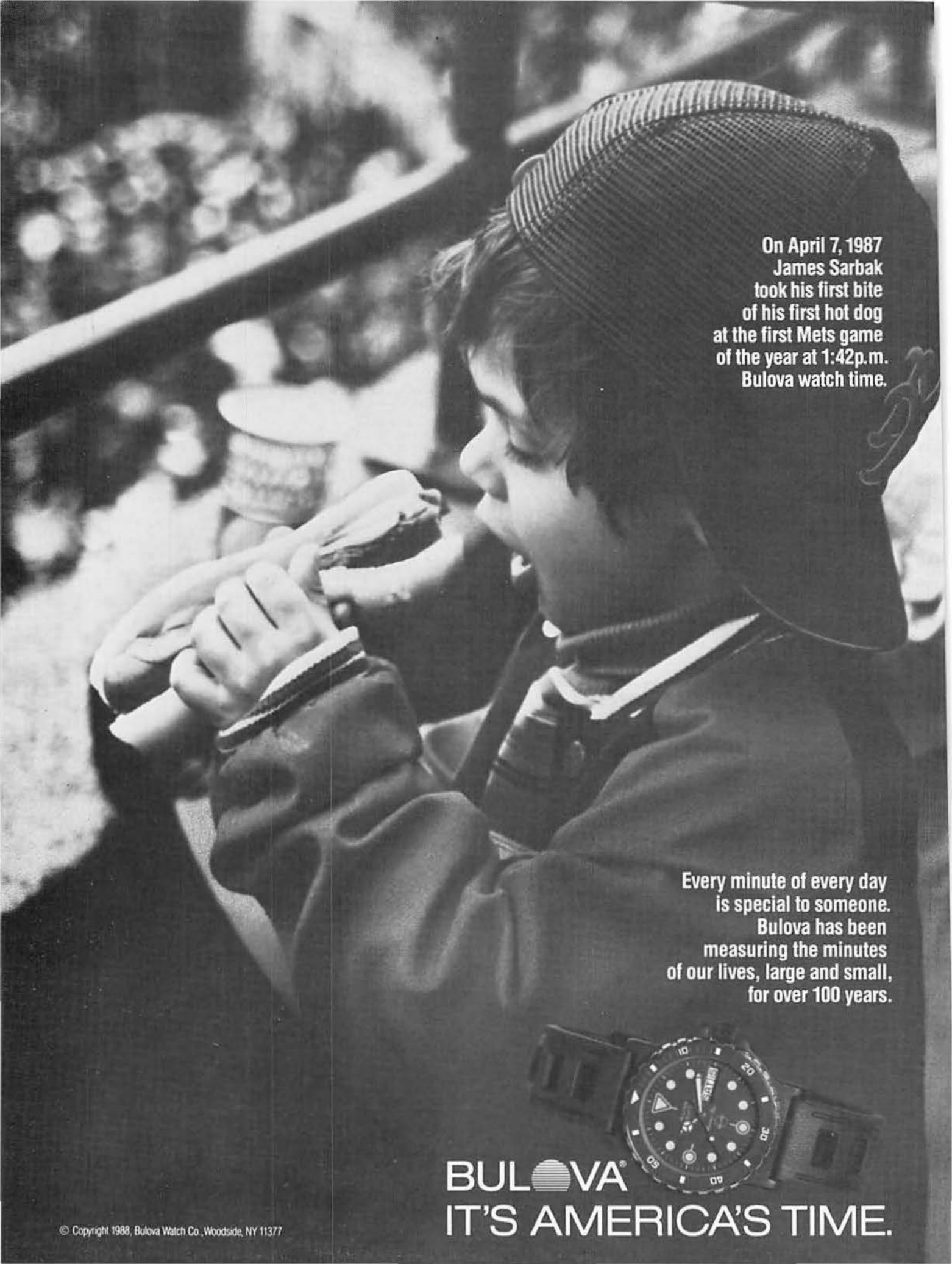
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cinnati's Danny Jackson for the lead in wins and complete games (15).

Hershiser galvanized the baseball world last season by pitching 59 consecutive scoreless innings, breaking former Dodger Don Drysdale's major league record. Hershiser earned MVP honors in the World Series with two complete-game wins and a 3-for-3 performance at the plate in Game 2, including two doubles and an RBI.

The Dodgers went to spring training with two major question marks on a pitching staff that was the backbone of the team. Their 2.96 ERA was second only to the Mets' 2.91.

Left-hander John Tudor (10-8, 2.32), acquired in August in the deal that sent Guerrero to St. Louis, underwent the same elbow surgery that Tommy John pioneered and will be brought along slowly, starting with some light throwing in the spring.

Left-hander Fernando Valenzuela (5-8, 4.24), who made only two appearances after July 31 because of a shoulder problem, remains an uncertain proposition.

Ramon Martinez, 1-3, 3.79 after being called up from triple-A Albuquerque as the most promising pitcher in the Dodger system, and William Brennan, also up from triple A, were believed to have the best chances of joining a rotation certain to include the solid nucleus of Hershiser and the two Tims, Leary (17-11, 2.91) and Belcher (12-6, 2.91).

A rebuilt bullpen that led the league in saves last year with 49 will continue to revolve around Howell (21 saves) and Alejandro Pena (12). The Dodgers elected not to offer a contract to the inconsistent Orosco, who became a free agent and signed with Cleveland. That left Ricky Horton (1-1, 5.00) as the only left-handed reliever, a situation Claire was expected to address.

Claire acquired switch-hitter Eddie Murray, 33-year-old former Baltimore Oriole, to play first base, replacing the platoon of Franklin Stubbs (.223, 34 RBI) and Mickey Hatcher (.293, 25), who hit only one home run during the regular season but often batted cleanup.

Murray, who hit .284 with 28 home runs and 84 RBI in his 12th year as an Oriole, is a career .295-.333 home run hitter. He'll bat cleanup behind Gibson. Murray stands to earn \$8 million in the next three seasons. An additional \$525,000 each of those years will be deferred with payments of \$135,000 in 20 annual installments starting in 1992.

To get Murray, the Dodgers traded pitchers Ken Howell, a starter, and reliever Brian Holton, and highly regarded 20-year-old shortstop Juan Bell.

Otherwise, a lineup that averaged only 3.9 runs per game over the season and even less than that over the final six weeks is expected to remain the same except for Willie



Mike Marshall's strong point is power; he's averaged 20 homers over the last six seasons.

Randolph (.230), longtime former New York Yankees second baseman, who replaces Steve Sax. After seven full seasons as a Dodger (he hit .277 in 1988), Sax signed a three-year, \$4 million contract with the New York Yankees. Randolph was signed as a free agent to a two-year contract worth \$1.75 million. Alfredo Griffin (.199) will be at shortstop. Jeff Hamilton (.236) at third base and Scioscia (.257) behind the plate. Gibson,

Shelby (.263, 10 HR, 64 RBI) and Marshall (.277-.20-.82), left to right, are the outfield.

Pitching, it is expected, will again have to carry the Dodgers.

Says Gibson: "We'll have to push ourselves to stay hungry, to keep the same drive and to play with the same heart, because a lot of people will be gunning for us."

Hear? Drive? Hunger?

In 1988, they were synonymous with MVP.

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John Shelby is the only Dodger regular besides Gibson on World Series champs in both leagues.



'Dem Brooklyn Bums'

Ebbets Field: Where Dodgers of Old Frolicked

by Dave Anderson
The New York Times

During the last baseball game at Ebbets Field on the last day of the 1957 season, the organist, Gladys Goodding, played several sentimental songs: *What Can I Say After I Say I'm Sorry?*, *Am I Blue?*, *Memories* and *So Long, It's Been Good To Know You*. Then she played another tune that the baseball writers up in the press box didn't immediately recognize. Somebody phoned her.

"That one," she said, "was *Don't Ask Me Why I'm Leaving*."

Nobody had to ask. The late Walter O'Malley, then the Dodgers' owner, was moving the franchise from Brooklyn to Los Angeles, where he knew it would prosper. And it has. But as beautiful as Dodger Stadium out there is, and as dreary as the brick-red apartments on that Flatbush land are now, Ebbets Field remains perhaps the most cherished ballpark in baseball history.

Ballpark is the word. Ebbets Field never could have been described as a stadium. Yankee Stadium is a stadium. Shea Stadium is a stadium. But Ebbets Stadium never would have sounded right. With a capacity of only 34,000 pairs of lungs, Ebbets Field was a ballpark. Cozy instead of sprawling. Close instead of aloof.

Not many big league ballparks remain. Wrigley Field and Comiskey Park in Chicago, Fenway Park in Boston and, despite its name, Tiger Stadium in Detroit are the only ballparks left. Their skeleton-like steel girders and flat roofs attest to their construction between 1910 and 1914 along with Ebbets Field, named after Charles Hercules Ebbets, then the Dodgers' owner. And those ballparks are now an endangered species that someday will be extinct. But the memories will survive.

Even though Ebbets Field was leveled in 1960, it's still remembered as the Dodgers' grassy stage for nearly half a century.

In his pigeon-toed stride, Jackie Robinson hurried out of the Dodgers' dugout in 1947 as the first black player in major league history. The next year Roy Campanella arrived. They're both in the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., now, along with two others on those "Boys of Summer" teams, Pee Wee Reese and Duke Snider, a left-handed-hitting slugger whose towering home runs soared over the high right field screen onto Bedford Avenue.

To those who remember the "Hit Sign, Win

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But hardly a man is now alive who saw the Dodgers' two early Hall of Famers: Zack Wheat, the outfielder with a .317 lifetime average, and Dazzy Vance, the big right-hander with the big windup. Or who in 1926 saw Floyd "Babe" Herman double into a double play when he and two other base runners, Vance and Chick Fewster, wound up on third base simultaneously. In the confu-

and had a .324 lifetime average. But his foibles helped to inspire the phrase Daffy Dodgers for a team that settled into a sixth-place rut for four consecutive seasons. By 1933, the pure Brooklynese of a fan behind home plate inspired the phrase "dem bums" that followed the Dodgers for decades.

"Yabumya," the fan would shout whenever a Dodger messed up. "Ya bum ya."

The fan remained unidentified by Sid Mercer, a New York sportswriter who described "yabumya" as the spirit of Brooklyn. At least until the day that a Dodger shortstop, upon fielding a routine grounder, threw the ball over the first baseman's head into the bullpen. When the right fielder's throw

chitectural beauty of baseball when it opened in 1913. In good years and in bad, it retained a different sense of beauty.

During a spring training bus ride in 1946, as a golden sunset glowed through Florida's palm trees, Harold C. Burr, a sportswriter then covering the Dodgers for the *Brooklyn Eagle*, turned to Arch Murray of the *New York Post*.

"Have you ever seen anything more beautiful?" Burr asked.

"Sure," Murray said with a shrug. "Plenty of times."

"What?" Burr said. "What could possibly be more beautiful than that sunset?"

"Reiser tripling off the exit gate," Murray said.

Pete Reiser was one of baseball's first "phenoms," a switch-hitting center fielder with power and speed who might be in the Hall of Fame if he hadn't crashed into outfield walls so often. His legacy is the protective padding that is now used on walls. But at Ebbets Field, the exit gate was part of the scenery. After games, fans were permitted to depart by walking across the grass and through the gate that was part of the wall in deep right-center field.

If the exit gate was unique to Ebbets Field, so were some of its fans, especially in the Dodgers' glory years shortly before and after World War II.

In the upper center field stands that served as the bleachers, Hilda Chester rang a cowbell and held up a sign that announced, "Hilda Is Here."

Marching through the aisles near home plate, music makers known as the Dodger Sym-Phony tootled their tunes, often off-key. Behind third base, Eddie Battan blew up balloons, tossed them into the air and shouted, "Cooooookie," in honor of his favorite player, Harry "Cookie" Lavagetto, the third baseman who hit the most memorable double in baseball history.

With two out in the ninth inning of the fourth game of the 1947 World Series, the Yankees' right-hander, Floyd "Bill" Bevens, had a no-hitter. Two walks in the fifth inning had led to a Dodger run, but they trailed 2-1.

With one out in the ninth, Bevens walked Carl Furillo, and with two out, Al Gionfriddo went to first base as a pinch-runner. Burt Shotton, who had been appointed the Dodger manager following Leo Durocher's one-year suspension by Commissioner Happy Chandler at the start of the season, sent up Reiser, hobbling on damaged legs, to bat for Hugh Casey, the Dodger pitcher. On a pitch to Reiser, Gionfriddo stole second.

With first base now open, Bucky Harris, the Yankee manager, ordered Reiser walked intentionally, thereby violating a baseball tenet: Never put the potential winning run on base. Shotton quickly sent Eddie Miksis, a utility infielder, to run for Reiser and Lavagetto to bat



Home from Florida in the spring: Roy Campanella, Pee Wee Reese, Gil Hodges, Jackie Robinson.

sion, Herman tried to return to second but was tagged out. Fewster, thinking he was automatically out, strolled away and was tagged out.

In those years of the Daffy Dodgers, Herman somehow had a reputation for getting hit on the head by a fly ball.

"That's a joke, but it ain't funny," Herman once informed a sportswriter. "I promise you, if I ever get hit on the head by a fly ball, I will walk off the field and never come back."

"How about getting hit on the shoulder?" the sportswriter asked.

"Oh, no," the Babe said seriously. "On the shoulder don't count."

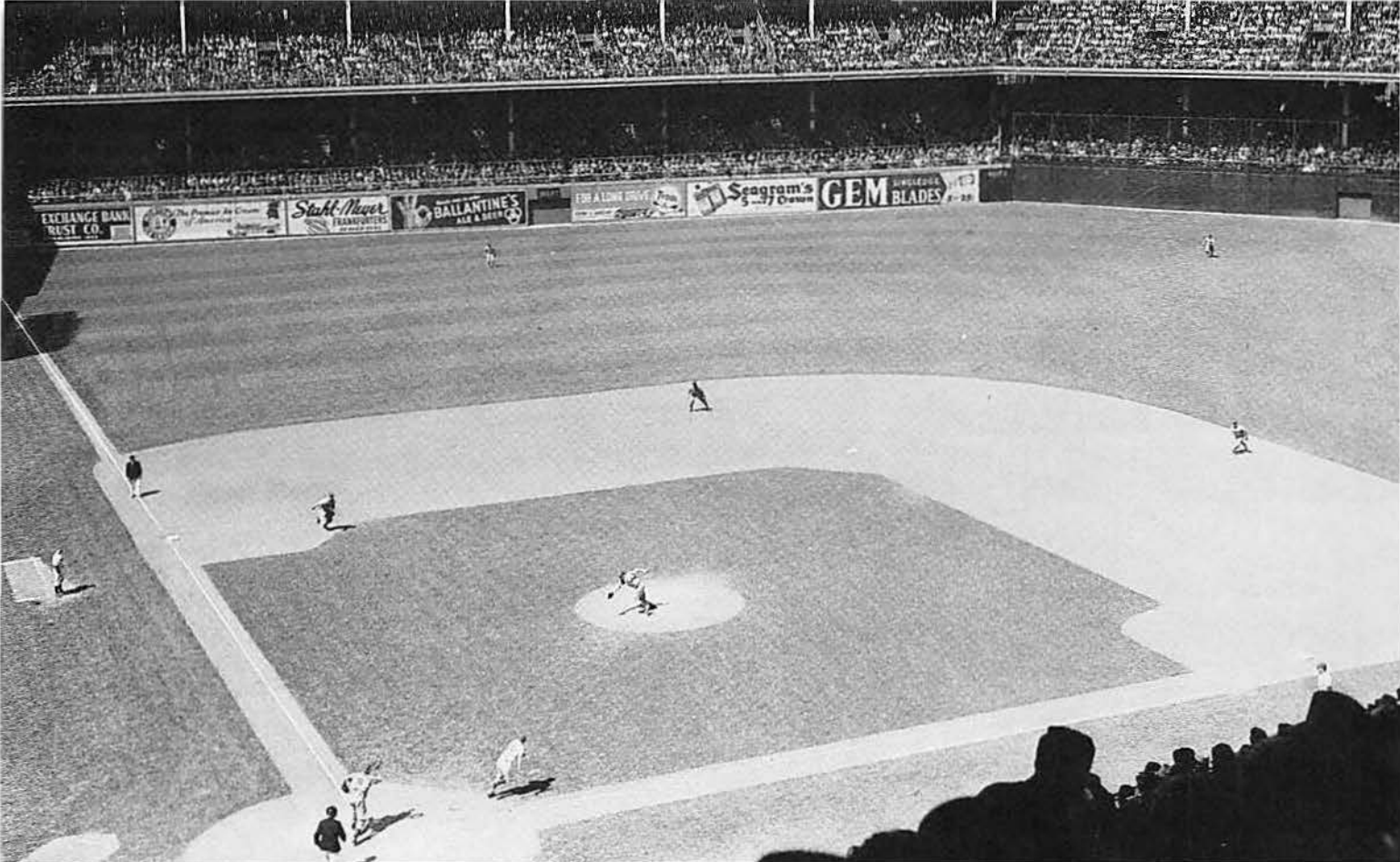
Herman could hit. He batted .393 in 1930

scooted by the Dodger third baseman, the batter scored on what should have been an easy out.

"Yezbumsyez," the fan shouted that day. "Yezbumsyez."

Upon hearing that endearing coinage of phrase by his favorite fan, Mercer wrote, "The singular spirit of Brooklyn lapsed into the plural as the Dodgers lost again." The "bums" nickname stuck. Willard Mullin, the sports cartoonist, drew a bedraggled bum as the Dodgers' symbol. After the Dodgers moved to California, Mullin put a pair of sunglasses on him.

With its marble rotunda of ticket windows behind home plate, Ebbets Field was the ar-



Brooklyn fans packed Ebbets Field to watch the Dodgers take on the hated New York Giants in a game in the 1940s.

for Eddie Stanky, the second baseman. Moments later Lavagetto hit a high drive off the right field wall as Gionfriddo and Miksis sped around the bases.

"Here comes Gionfriddo," Red Barber, the Dodgers' broadcaster, shouted into the microphone. "And here comes Miksis."

On that two-out, two-run double by Lavagetto that ruined Bevens' no-hitter, the Dodgers had won 3-2. They would lose that World Series in seven games. But, for many of their fans at least, Lavagetto's double had somewhat atoned for Mickey Owen's passed ball in the 1941 World Series. With nobody on base in the top of the ninth inning of the fourth game, and the Yankees leading the Series 2-1, the Dodgers were within one strike of a 4-3 triumph. On Hugh Casey's next pitch, Tommy Henrich swung and missed for what appeared to be the final out. But when the ball squirted away from Owen, Henrich hustled to first base.

In later years, Casey insisted he had thrown a spitball, but both Owen and Henrich disagreed.

"It never looked like a spitball to me," Owen said. "It was a curveball. That's what I called for."

"That's right," Henrich said. "Spitballs drop down. I swung at a big, breaking curveball."

Whatever it was, the Dodgers never recovered. Joe DiMaggio singled, and Charlie Keller doubled off the right field wall, putting

the Yankees ahead 5-4. Bill Dickey walked. Joe Gordon doubled to left field for the last two runs in a 7-4 game. The next day the Yankees closed out that Series in five games. In that afternoon's late edition of the *Eagle*, the headline on the front page read, "Wait 'til Next Year."

That phrase has been milked by sports fans everywhere, but it had been part of Dodger fans' frustration since 1930, when they were awaiting the extension of Ebbets Field's double-deck grandstand from the left-field foul line to beyond center field.

But for all the frustration at Ebbets Field, the fans there had a reputation as the fairest, if not the most knowledgeable, in the major leagues. They applauded a good play by an opposing player almost as loudly as if a Dodger had done it. And when Stan Musial, the St. Louis Cardinals' seven-time National League batting champion, kept drilling line drives off the right field screen, he was knighted with his nickname.

"Here comes The Man," a Dodger fan said as Musial approached the batter's box.

Musial has been "Stan The Man" ever since. And for some baseball fans, it's as if the Dodgers never left Ebbets Field. During the 1981 World Series between the Yankees and the Los Angeles Dodgers, a midtown Manhattan taxi driver was talking to a passenger about the games.

"Don't worry," the taxi driver said, "Brooklyn will win."

The Dodgers had departed 24 years earlier, but to that taxi driver they were still "Brooklyn."

Of all those who have worn the Dodger uniform in Los Angeles, the most famous, Sandy Koufax, grew up in Brooklyn and was first inspected at an Ebbets Field tryout. At the time, Koufax, son of a Brooklyn attorney, was a sandlot pitcher with an already legendary fastball. Al Campanis, later the Dodgers' vice president of player personnel but then a scout, invited him to throw before a Dodger game.

The day Koufax arrived at Ebbets Field, the afternoon game had been postponed early because of a constant drizzle. But when the drizzle stopped, Campanis told Koufax to put on a uniform.

In those years, Campanis, once a minor league shortstop in the Dodger organization, scouted a young pitcher by standing in the batter's box, simulating a hitter's view. After a few warmup pitches, Koufax fired a fastball that appeared to be headed into the dirt in front of the plate.

"Then it rose for a knee-high strike," Campanis recalls. "As soon as I saw that fastball, the hair raised up on my arms. The only other time the hair on my arms ever raised up was in Rome when I saw Michelangelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel."

And to anybody who ever watched a game there, Ebbets Field was baseball's Sistine Chapel.

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Giants Are Served By an Excellent Butler

by Ray Ratto
San Francisco Chronicle

To hear Brett Butler tell it, his wife, Eveline, knew the San Francisco Giants were not going to repeat as National League Western Division champions before he did.

What's more, she told him in July, which beat anyone else's prediction by a good month and a half. She saw it on the early morning of July 27, after the Giants had dropped two games to the eventual champion Los Angeles Dodgers in the space of seven hours and 44 minutes.

The Giants lost the first game of that double-header 7-3, because the Dodgers scored four runs in the ninth inning. Improbable highlights included a home run by Jeff Hamilton, a bunt single by Franklin Stubbs, a two-run triple by Steve Sax and a balk by Scott Garrelts that scored Sax. They then lost the second game, which ended after 1 a.m., 6-5 when Garrelts balked Stubbs home with the winning run. They went from six to eight games back of the Dodgers, when they could have been only minus four.

Eveline Butler saw the awful truth. "After we lost that doubleheader, I drove home, and we got to talking about it," Butler says. "She said, 'This isn't the year.' I said, 'C'mon, honey, there's plenty of time left in the season, and we can get back in it.' But she said, 'If this club was going to win it, they have to win games like these, and they didn't.' "

No, they didn't. In fact, they finished fourth, 11½ games behind the Dodgers. Butler's bride may not have foreseen the final margin, but she knew whereof she spoke. After all, being married to a man too stubborn to face facts has made her knowledgeable through simple osmosis, if nothing else, about baseball.

"That's us," Butler says with a smile. "I'm the most optimistic person in the world, and she's the realist. She's like my father. If I go 4-for-4, she might say, 'Great, but now it's over, so what are you going to do tomorrow?' And if I go 0-for-4 and get thrown out trying to steal or make an error and I'm really down, she's always there telling me it's all right, that I'm a good player and tomorrow will be better. She's always been my center, my balance."

Butler has always been more driven than most of us ever since he was first told that he was too short to play baseball very well. And make no mistake, Butler is short; the Giants' media guide lists him at 5-10, which is a whopping lie by at least two inches.

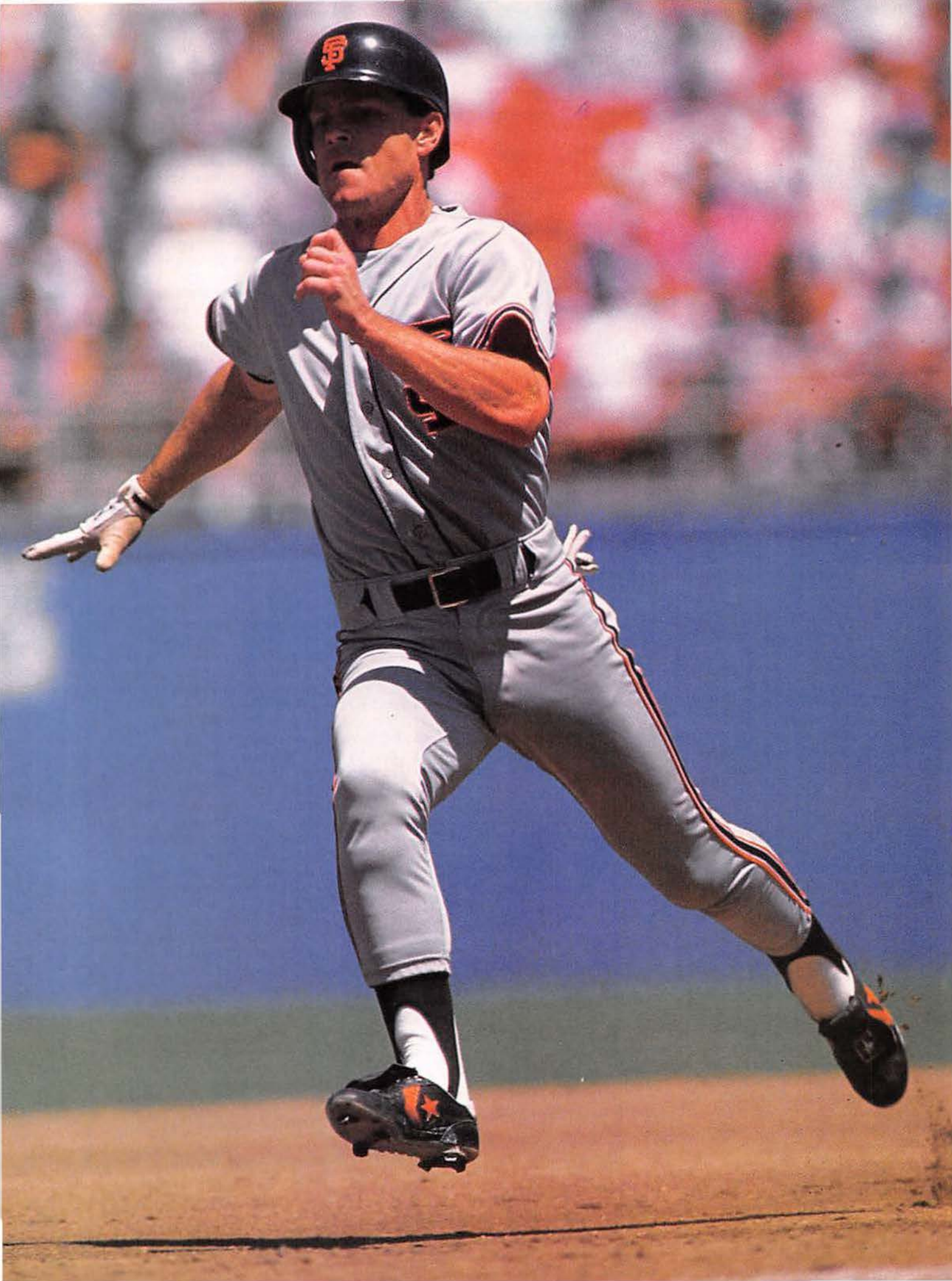
Relentlessly driven, Butler has succeeded anyway. He played baseball, football, wrestled and ran cross country at Libertyville (Ill.) High School, was a two-year All-American at Southeastern Oklahoma State, and after seven years of refusing to give in on the major league level, he is among the best leadoff men in the game.

He did it last season in a very inhospitable ballpark, the kind of place that can, and has, sucked the drive right out of a man. If the winds don't get you, the high grass will; if the cold doesn't chill your spine, the faultfinding fans will.

Butler, though, saw Candlestick Park as only another obstacle to overcome, like all the others he has faced. In fact, at his first press conference as a Giant, he strained the bounds of credibility by saying he liked the park a great deal.

"It's tough, because you've got to prepare for it every day," he says of Candlestick. "But the other team has a tougher time with it. Besides, it's a challenge for me, and I've always responded to a challenge. It's like, 'You're too small, you can't play.' I've heard that for years, but I try to rise above it. Plus, I didn't want to complain about the park. I wanted to fit in. I didn't want to come in saying or thinking anything negative. Everybody's thinking, 'We have Hac (Jeffrey Leonard) and Aldo (Mike Aldrete) in the outfield already; what's this new guy going to do? He's supposed to do this and this and this.' I was just

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Jose Uribe and Robby Thompson give San Francisco a slick double play combo.

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very optimistic about playing for the Giants." For good reason, as it happened. In 1988, his first at Candlestick Park, Butler led the National League in runs scored (109), was second in walks (97) and on-base percentage (.393), tied for third in triples, and finished sixth in stolen bases. He hit .287 and more than delivered what the Giants asked for when they signed him to a two-year contract worth \$1.8 million.

No other leadoff man in baseball was in the top 10 in all those categories. That's something by any standard and remarkable by a Giant.

After only one season, Butler is being called the best leadoff man the Giants have had since Bobby Bonds in the early 1970s.

What Manager Roger Craig likes most about Butler, though, is the hardness of his nose. "People don't know how tough that guy is," Craig says. "He hates to lose. He hates it when I ask him if he wants a day off. He's the kind of guy who can inspire a team just by his example."

Butler's example is easy to detect, even if you've never seen him play. The back of his baseball card with career averages should provide enough evidence: .281, 92 runs scored, 39 steals, 72 walks, 10 triples, 152 hits and 149 games played; only one stay on the disabled list, due to a fractured middle finger he suffered on a bunt attempt the first day of the 1987 season.

Butler wants to play, every inning, every day. "I've always taken pride in being able

to play all 162 games every year," he says. "(Teammate) Joel Youngblood once said that I'm getting paid a lot of money to perform to the best of my ability every day, but that performance can be hurt if you don't get some rest. I know all that but it's a matter of pride.

"Every once in a while, like a day game after a night game or just when I'm a little run-down, I know I should go to Roger and

Will Clark's swing produced 29 HR, 109 RBI.



say, 'I need the day off.' But my pride won't let me. I know I could go up to him and say I need a day, and he wouldn't think I was dogging it because he's seen me play, but I can't do it."

Thus, Butler grinds it out every day, denying with his play that he is short, or that his arm isn't strong enough, or that he isn't Chili Davis. Butler came to the Giants as a free agent on Dec. 1, 1987, the same day that Davis, the former Giant center fielder, signed with California as a free agent.

Davis hit .268 for the Angels with 21 home runs and 93 RBI. With the Giants, those numbers would have made him the second-most productive hitter. Although Butler's arrival had only an indirect effect on Davis' departure, Butler often and inaccurately has been called "the guy the Giants got for Chili Davis."

"I remember Robby Thompson would kiddingly say stuff like, 'You're bad luck, go back to Cleveland.'" Butler says, "and then he'd tell Pooch (third base coach Bill Fahey), 'Look at the year Chili's having.' No doubt he was missed. But if Candy (Maldonado) gets his 20 homers and Mitch (Kevin Mitchell) hits 20 or 25, then you don't miss him as much.

"It was like 1983 in Atlanta. We had a young team and had won (the NL West) the year before. We should have won again and never did. But with this club, I expected from the start we would win, and we didn't. Now we know that losing like we did built our character, and now we're going to prove a point."

Butler's history has been an odd one. While his numbers have been remarkably firm, his teams haven't fared so well. Since the Braves won the division in 1982, Butler's teams have gone 88-74 (Braves, second), 75-87 (Indians, sixth), 60-102 (Indians, seventh), 84-78 (Indians, fifth), 61-101 (Indians, seventh) and 83-79 (Giants, fourth). That adds up to three winning seasons and an overall percentage of .464. He has never been on a league champion.

And numbers are the best way to put it, because Butler knows numbers. He knows his own statistics, knows those of other players and probably those in the other league as well. He sets his preseason goals accordingly.

"I always pick a guy to outplay," Butler says. "One year it was Wade Boggs, another year it was George Brett, then Don Mattingly, then Rickey (Henderson), and last season it was Tim Lincecum. I always set goals as high as I can, and I usually try to set them against a guy in the same situation I'm in, a guy who's going to play every day, a center fielder, a leadoff hitter or someone who's going to be in the top 10 in hitting.

"It's just something to drive me. I remember when I played in Fremont (California) as a boy, and a coach told me, 'I hope there's

always one guy better than you.' That makes sense to me, because that means I have something to shoot for. But it doesn't always work. I set goals in 1982, and I fell on my face (he hit .217 that year and spent half the season in the minors).

"Andy Allanson (the Cleveland catcher) came out in the paper last year and said I was selfish, yet I only played with him a short time. I always felt I was a team player, but I always try to achieve personal goals. I want to do the best I possibly can, and setting goals has always been the best way for me to get the most out of myself."

Shortly after Butler left Cleveland, Allanson told Sheldon Ocker of the *Akron Beacon Journal* that far from being upset that the Indians had lost their leadoff man, he was thrilled to have Butler gone.

"I'm glad he's gone," Allanson said. "His attitude was not conducive to developing the kind of chemistry you need to establish a contender. We don't need 'me' and 'I' players who only think about their own stats."

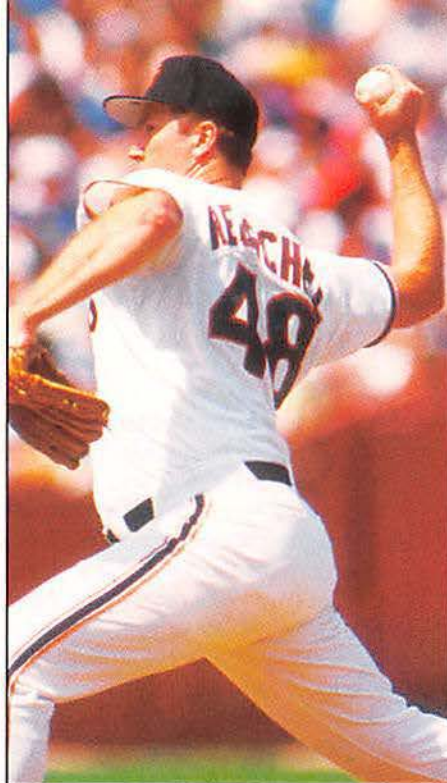
Allanson also portrayed Butler as a selfish player who had a negative influence in the clubhouse because of his personality. Allanson has never backed down from those remarks, and whether or not Butler's presence in the Indians' clubhouse was detrimental is still open to debate in Cleveland.

For his part, Butler racked his soul to determine if perhaps Allanson might have been right. "It bothered my wife a bit, because I guess she doesn't like people saying anything bad about me," Butler says. "But it bothered me, too, because maybe it was true. I asked her and she said no. I was surprised by it, though. The way I figure it is, if it were true, I wouldn't have gotten calls from friends like (Brook) Jacoby, Cory (Snyder), Joe Carter, (Pat) Tabler and other guys on the team. They called and said, 'I don't know why he said it,' so I had some reassurance. If they hadn't called, I would have had to question my approach to the game. But I don't think there's anything wrong with it. You can't tell me a guy isn't thinking about the way he's playing. It's not like I refused to bunt in sacrifice situations or threw to the wrong base to get assists. Everything I try to do, I'm doing it to help the team win."

On balance, Butler helped the Giants put together three winning seasons for the first time since 1971. His statistics as a leadoff man were impressive enough, but Butler, being Butler, found reasons to want more.

"I didn't get as many bunt hits as I normally do," he says. "and I didn't hit very well with men in scoring position. There were things about my year I liked and some I want to improve upon."

In that case, he ought to get in line. Other than first baseman Will Clark and pitchers Rick Reuschel and Don Robinson, everyone



Nearing 40, Reuschel reached back and won 19.

on the 1989 Giants' roster has something or other to prove. Clark's year was everything that he and the Giants could have hoped for—.282 average, 29 homers, a league-leading 109 RBI, better defense—but he also was the only player in the batting order that other teams had to fear. One scout said, "He's the guy we worry about; all the others in that lineup can be pitched to."

The Giants are in fact searching for someone to hit between Butler and Clark. He might be right-handed hitting outfielder Tracy Jones (.295), obtained from Montreal in a trade for Aldrete. Second baseman Thompson (.264), who spent much of the year in the second slot, simply struck out too many times (111) to be effective there, and though he doesn't like the proposed change, may be moved down in the batting order. His touchy lower back and a broken finger in September also make his health a question.

Cleanup hitter Mitchell (.251, 80 RBI) had his right knee 'scoped after a season in which the third baseman hit 19 home runs, one after Aug. 12. Right fielder Maldonado finished with only 12 homers, 68 RBI and a .255 batting average, all significant drops from the division-winning year. Aldrete won the left field job last season after Leonard was traded to Milwaukee, but he fell well short of his .325 average in 1987.

The Giants are hoping third baseman Matt Williams (.205) can solve hitting troubles (after two half-seasons, his aggregate average is only .195, and he has struck out more than once every four times at bat) and show the power that occasionally appears (16 homers in not quite a full season of play).

Shortstop Jose Uribe (.252) had a so-so season on the field and a horrible one off it.

His wife, Sara, died in late May after giving birth to the couple's third child, and Uribe understandably never fully came to grips with the tragedy.

Catchers Kirt Manwaring, Bob Melvin and Bob Brenly combined to bat just .222. Brenly was not offered a contract.

The pitching situation is baffling.

First, the healthy ones. Reuschel, the oldest at age 39, went 19-11 and would have won his 20th had not the Giants given him only four runs in his final three starts. Robinson, 31, was 8-4, 2.33, after being moved into the starting rotation in July. Atlee Hamaker, 31, also had an injury-free year but put together his second consecutive .500 season and went into the off-season more highly regarded as trade bait than as a bulwark of the rotation.

Next, the relievers. Erstwhile stopper Garrelts got off to a start only hitters could love. Even with a decent late-season run, he finished with a 5-9 record, a 3.58 ERA, 13 saves in 24 opportunities, 36 inherited runners stranded out of 63—in all, the kind of season that inspired Craig to experiment with him as a starter. Craig Lefferts had a better year than his 3-8 record would suggest (he had a career-high 11 saves), but the Giants also figure he won't be asked to pitch as long as he was in '88 when 13 of his 64 appearances lasted longer than two innings.

Finally, the questionables. The Giants lost four-fifths of their original starting rotation last season, which is hard to do without overturning the team bus. As a result, the other seven spots on the staff are open, kind of. Dave Dravecky underwent arthroscopic shoulder surgery in June and made only seven starts, then underwent an operation to remove a cancerous growth from his left arm. He lost about 50 percent of his deltoid muscle as well, and though the cancer was apparently fully removed, his future as a pitcher must be considered doubtful.

Mike Krukow (7-4, 3.54) underwent surgery to repair a frayed rotator cuff and hopes to be ready for spring training. Mike LaCoss (7-7, 3.62), whom Craig would like to make his new stopper, had elbow surgery. Kelly Downs went 13-9 and seemed to reach his full potential before his shoulder trouble near the end of July. Joe Price, 1-6 out of the bullpen, underwent off-season shoulder surgery. Terry Mulholland, one of the club's most promising young pitchers, fractured his left (throwing) wrist in July. Left-hander Dennis Cook appeared in three late-season starts and impressed the Giants' brass.

So the pitching staff is unsettled. Who's ready? Who's healthy? Who knows? Maybe Eveline Butler. If she can't tell you today where the Giants are headed in 1989, you might check with her come summer. After all, she has a pretty good track record.

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O Danny Boy! He's Something But Do Reds Have Enough Else?

by Greg Hoard
The Cincinnati Enquirer

On a sunny September afternoon, Cincinnati left-hander Danny Jackson sat at his locker in the Reds' clubhouse. A picture of relaxation, he talked easily and softly as he thumbed through a stack of fan mail. Jackson's running was done, and it would be three days before he would assume the mound again in pursuit of yet another victory.

The conversation was light. Topics ranged from the Reds' place in the National League West race to the heat wave that had engulfed Cincinnati and lay like an anvil on Riverfront Stadium.

Jackson laughed. He smiled. He joked. There were no signs of the combustible side of his nature.

But eventually and naturally, the subject turned to pitching, and the transformation began, as if the very mention of his craft set something astir in his psyche.

The mail was set aside. The smile disappeared. His voice changed, acquiring an edge of defiance, almost anger. Suddenly the room had filled with hitters.

"Inside," Jackson said, his eyes narrowing. "You have to pitch inside. Bust 'em in. I've always felt that way, no matter who it is. Home run hitter or not, that ball is coming in.

"The hitter gets one part of the plate, the middle. That's the only place they have a chance to hit the ball. The inside and the outside are mine."

The transformation was nearly complete. This was not a man to mess with. This was a man to have on your side, a man who had more to do with making the Reds a contender last season than anyone else on the team, the man who stands at the nucleus of their newest and greatest strength, pitching.

Acquired from Kansas City in an off-season deal, Jackson won 23 games last season while losing eight. His victory total was the highest by a Reds' pitcher since Jim Maloney won 23 in 1963 and the most by a Reds' left-hander since Eppa Rixey won 25 in 1922.

Jackson ended the season tied with the Dodgers' Orel Hershisier for the league lead in victories and complete games (15). Jackson was second in the league in innings pitched (260 $\frac{2}{3}$), shutouts (six) and among the league leaders in starts (35), winning percentage (.742), ERA (2.73) and strikeouts (161).

"He was everything we expected and more," says Manager Pete Rose. "I expected him to win a lot of games, but I didn't expect him to be a leading candidate for the Cy Young. He is the best left-handed pitcher in the league—maybe in baseball—and I don't think you would find too many people who would argue with that."

Until Hershisier's incredible finish of 59 straight scoreless innings, Jackson seemed to hold a lock on the Cy Young Award, which no Red has ever won.

Jackson baffled hitters, particularly in the second half of the season, when he was 13-4.

"He's the best in the business," says Pittsburgh outfielder Glenn Wilson.

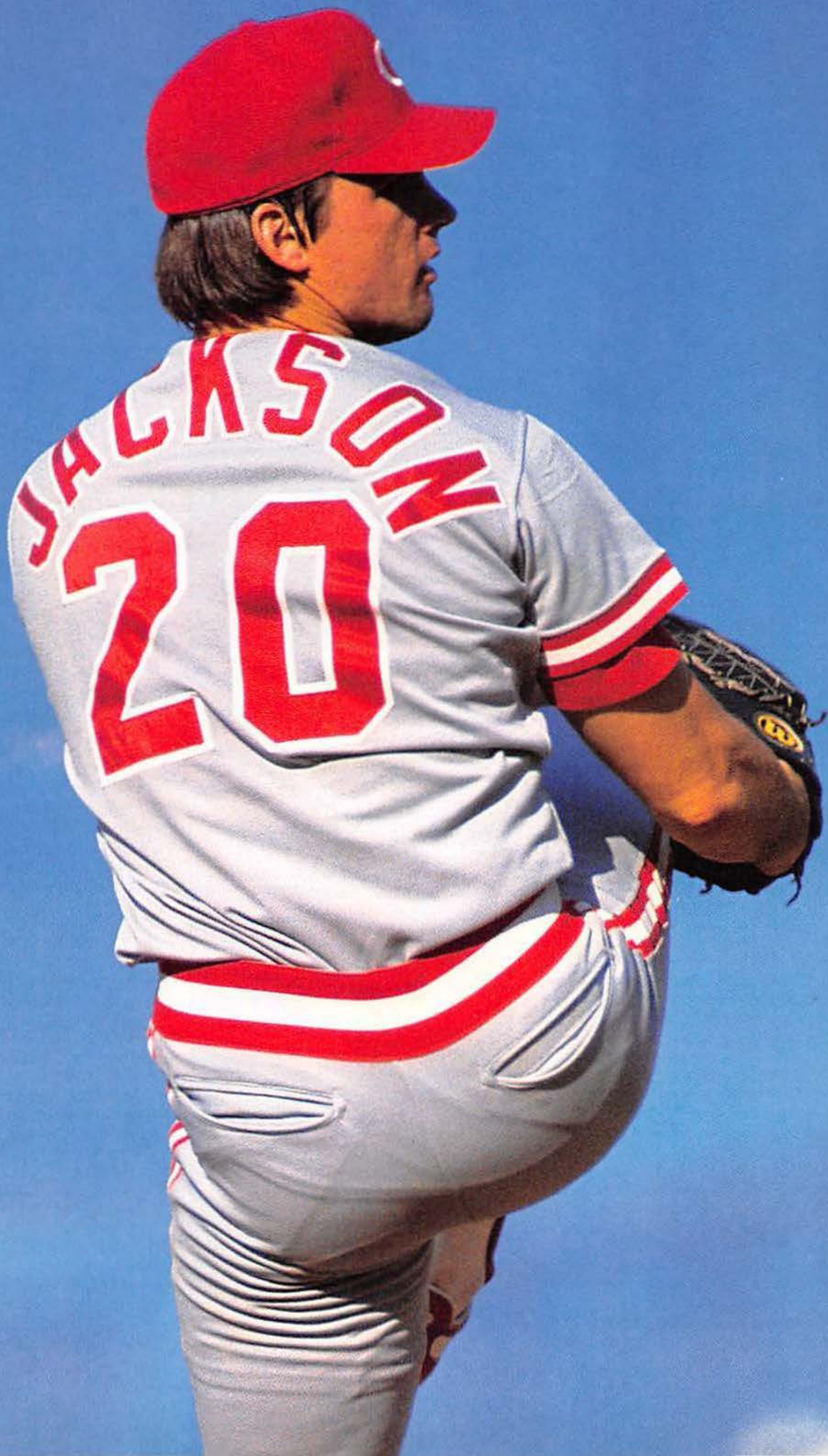
"He presents some of the best stuff you'll see," says Philadelphia first baseman Von Hayes. "You have to be disciplined, because every at-bat is a severe battle."

By the middle of the season, some of the best left-handed hitters in the league were talking about Jackson and his notable slider.

Says Will Clark, San Francisco's left-handed slugger: "When some of the more prominent left-handed hitters around the league start talking about a pitcher, when every one of them is saying, 'Hey, what about this guy, Jackson?', you know he's got good stuff. He probably throws the hardest slider from the left side I've ever seen."

Some, Rose and Reds hitting coach Tony Perez among them, liken Jackson's slider to the one thrown by Steve Carlton at the height of his career.

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Barry Larkin sprang to the fore among National League shortstops last season.

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Former Red Ken Griffey faced Jackson often while playing for the Yankees. "Danny's ball feels so heavy, it's like lead when you hit it," Griffey says. "It doesn't go anywhere. He is one of those guys that the only way you can hit him is to go with the pitches, and you really can't because he throws so hard."

"He challenges the left-handers inside with the fastball, then works the slider on the outside corner. Because of the fastball, you can't set up on the outside corner. He gets you both ways. You almost have to make him beat himself, and he doesn't do that too often."

To right-handed hitters, Jackson's slider breaks down and in, and his cross-seamed fastball moves down and away.

"He's also got that fastball that kind of explodes up in your face," says Buddy Bell, who faced Jackson while playing with the Texas Rangers and the Houston Astros. "Once in a while, you get lucky and get something you can hit."

Add to this array an intimidating style. "Oh, yeah, he's intimidating, all right," says Reds catcher Terry McGriff. "Sometimes he intimidates me. Sometimes I'm afraid to go out and talk to him when he's pitching. It's like, 'Don't come out here. Don't be comin' near my mound. This is my mound.'"

The Reds thought Jackson would push them over the top in 1988. Yet, he was not enough. Cincinnati, picked by many to dominate its division, struggled most of the season. Jackson gave the Reds a needed

stopper. Tom Browning (3.41 ERA) added 18 victories and only five losses, and Jose Rijo (2.39), acquired in an off-season deal with Oakland, went 13-8. John Franco, the Rollins Relief Man of the Year, posted a league-leading 39 saves.

But a team that was supposed to be rich

Sabo is a hustler first, like his manager.



in run production with center fielder Eric Davis, left fielder Kal Daniels, catcher Bo Diaz, shortstop Barry Larkin, outfielder Tracy Jones and Bell proceeded to sleepwalk through the first half of the season. By the All-Star break the Reds were in fourth place, and only third baseman Chris Sabo, the National League Rookie of the Year, and Larkin were making any noise with the bats. Bell had already been traded, and Jones was dealt away during the break. While Sabo and Larkin spent much of their time on base, no one was providing any punch.

After a dismal first half, Davis finally got hot and finished at .273 with 26 home runs and 93 RBI. Daniels (.291-18-64) and Larkin (.296-12-56) also put together respectable numbers, but the Reds never could make up the ground they had lost and ended the season in second place, just as they had the previous three seasons. And, just as they had the year before, they attributed a major part of their problems to the youth of the team.

"There were times," says Davis, "when I would stand out there in center field and look around, and I was the oldest guy on the field, in terms of experience. People forget how young this team is."

Indeed, as the Reds enter the 1989 season, five principal players have less than five years major league experience: Davis, Daniels, right fielder Paul O'Neill (.252-16-73), Larkin and Sabo. Veteran infielder Dave Concepcion was released in the off-season.

Cincinnati is counting on experienced second baseman Ron Oester (.280 in 150 at-bats) to continue his comeback from a serious knee injury. Young Jeff Treadway (.252), who platooned with Oester and Concepcion at second last year, will start the season at triple-A Nashville.

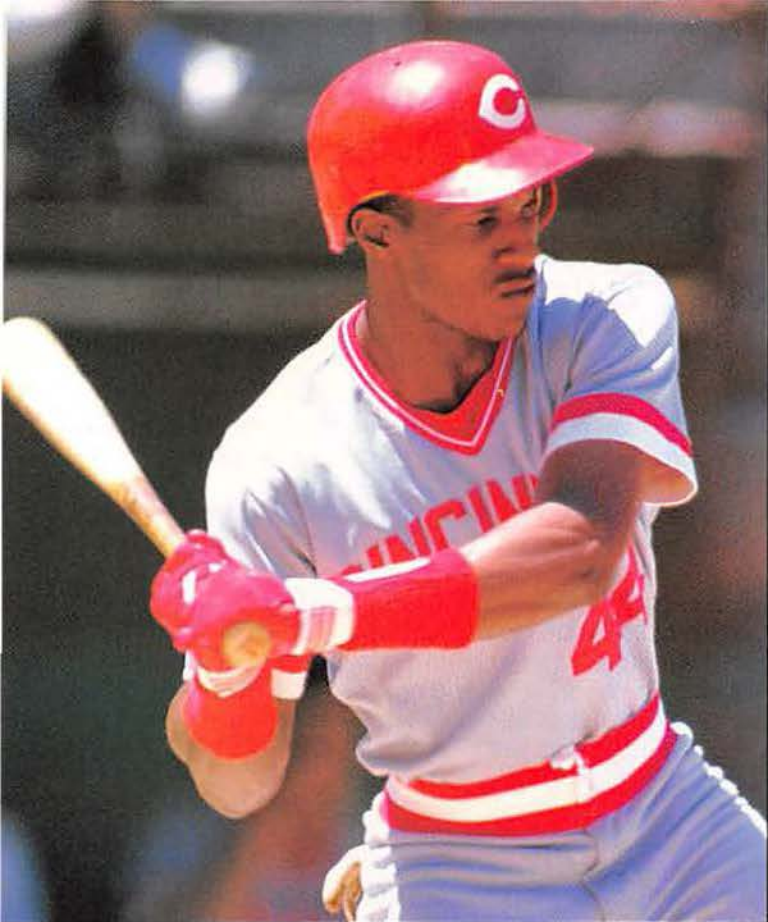
The Reds did add experience on the bench, acquiring utility infielder Manny Trillo (.250 with the Chicago Cubs) and talented pinch hitter Joel Youngblood (.252 with San Francisco). Both were free agents.

Reds pitchers had a collective ERA of 3.35, but the team averaged 3.98 runs per game, and that was too close to breaking even to win a division title.

To a man, the Reds are certain of what it will take to improve. Says Jackson: "We need another quality hitter and a leader. Hopefully, it will be the same person, if we can find a guy like that."

Rose agrees. "Idealistically, that's what you would like to have, that quality hitter to hit behind Eric," he says.

First baseman Nick Esasky (.243), whose flashes of brilliance at the plate came too infrequently, was dealt to Boston, along with setup reliever Rob Murphy, who led the majors with 76 appearances, for switch-hitting first baseman Todd Benzinger (.254-13-70),



Eric Davis will be trying to regain his stride of a couple of years ago.



John Franco flung a challenge, appearing in 70 games and saving 39.

right-handed pitcher Jeff Sellers (1-7, 4.83) and a player to be named.

Davis, who ended the season among the league leaders in home runs, RBI, slugging percentage (.489), steals (35) and on-base percentage (.363), attributed his slow start to the lack of a dependable hitter behind him.

"Teams just weren't going to let me beat them," Davis says. "They weren't going to give me anything to hit. I'm not taking anything away from Paul or Nick, but it takes time and experience to become a quality clutch hitter. Until we find somebody to hit behind me who can consistently drive in runs, pitchers are going to continue to do the same thing. To be honest with you, I doubt if we can win without another clutch hitter."

As honest and as ominous as that may be, the Reds have other concerns as they enter the '89 season.

Though Jackson, Browning—who authored the first perfect game in Reds history, Sept. 16 against the Dodgers—and Rijo gave Cincinnati a starting threesome with a combined record of 54-21, it wasn't enough in '88 and it might not be enough this year.

"It's a cliché," says Rose, "but you can never have enough pitching. Look what happened to us."

On the surface, the rotation looked strong. But beyond Jackson, Browning and Rijo, who moved into the rotation in early June, the Reds had constant problems.

Mario Soto, eventually released, never regained form. Ron Robinson (3-7, 4.12)

battled an elbow problem all season and underwent surgery for the second time in a year. Dennis Rasmussen, so successful after he was traded to San Diego, couldn't win for the Reds. The fourth and fifth slots in the rotation had a combined record of 19-36.

Though rookies Jack Armstrong (4-7, 5.79) and left-hander Norm Charlton (4-5, 3.96) looked good at times, the Reds are a bit squeamish about entrusting them with a crucial role.

Says Rose: "When the fourth spot in your rotation is breaking down, you can never get on a roll. That's what happened to us."

Says Cook: "Obviously, that's an area of concern. We wonder about the depth of our starting pitching and whether the pitchers we have coming along—the Charltons, the Armstrongs—are ready to contribute."

The concern was such that the Reds signed free agent Rick Mahler in December to a two-year, \$1.5 million contract. Mahler was 9-16, 3.69 with Atlanta last year and, perhaps more significant, 12-4 against the Reds in his career.

"We don't need a 20-game winner," says Rose. "We got one of those. We are looking for a guy who can consistently give us innings, a guy who can keep us in the game and get us to our bullpen."

While the Reds are faced with significant questions in other areas—not the least of which is how 36-year-old Diaz will bounce back from knee surgery—relief pitching remains a strength.

Franco, who was unsuccessful in only three save opportunities—he appeared in 70 games—led a foursome that had a combined ERA of 2.28 and allowed 74 earned runs and 231 hits in 292⅓ innings.

Right-hander Frank Williams (3-2, 2.59) performed capably but was not offered a contract for '89, no doubt due to the performance of rookie Rob Dibble (1-1, 1.82), another right-hander. He struck out 59 in 59⅓ innings. Opposing hitters batted just .207 against Dibble after he was called up in June from triple-A Nashville.

Rose is in love with his bullpen, particularly Franco, who, he says, is "the best reliever in the game."

At one point last season, when it was suggested that trading Franco could net the Reds the slugger they desired, Rose made his opinion clear.

"I wouldn't trade Franco for a pot of gold," he said. "No, make that two pots of gold."

As many questions as the Reds have, and as much as the enthusiasm regarding their young talent has faded in some quarters, this is still a team that may make a run for the pennant in '89—or at least a division title.

Among those who think so is former teammate Bell. "I think they're going to win," he says. "And I think they're going to win this year. "At Houston, we were in second place most of the season and we were not even close to what the Reds had in terms of talent. They are getting older and they are learning. That's what it comes down to."

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Show's New Mind-Set Gets Padres' Blessing

by Bob Slocum
The Tribune, San Diego

It took a while. Even the complex pitcher admits it. Yet, at the ripened age of 32, San Diego's Eric Show at last has grown up as a major league ball-player. Perhaps even as a person.

The turning point came after deep introspection, some guidance from his pitching coach and even some better-positioned fielders during the 1988 baseball season.

Show always had the arm, the talent and the intelligence—particularly the latter. His intellectual mind and broad interests, in fact, often have caused friction and detachment from more down-to-earth teammates.

One time, a conversation between Show and right fielder Tony Gwynn in the dugout during a game left Gwynn so lost in thought that he returned to right field, misplayed a ball and broke his wrist.

"I'll never forget that," Gwynn says.

But until last season, Show was pitching and operating, by his own admission, with the parking brake engaged.

His demanding, inquisitive psyche wasn't ready, not really, to accept an imperfect sport such as baseball. Show related wonderfully to logic and phenomena like cause and effect. Nebulous and inexplicable matters such as luck, errors and bloop hits drove him nuts. And sometimes to the showers.

Matters out of his control troubled him. They made him pout and simmer. And they turned him cynical about his craft and upset him when he was pitching. In other words, his behavior was not very productive.

Early in the 1988 season, Show blinked away old habits and rubbed his eyes. The haze had cleared. He changed his outlook and adopted a new belief. "What am I doing?" he asked himself. "What in the world have I been thinking? Nothing will bother me now. Nothing. I will make my own luck."

Hallelujah, said the Padres. Give him the ball.

Show took inventory on his self-destructive attitude, discarded useless behaviors like whining and excuses, and went on to recover smashing from a slow start.

In 1988, he fashioned the best season of his eight-year big league career. Show won a career-high 16 games (16-11, 3.26 ERA), including nine of his last 10 decisions, and completed 13 games, the most by a Padre since Randy Jones' team-record 25 in 1976.

"It's hard to imagine him pitching any better than he did down the stretch," says Manager Jack McKeon. "He got himself under control. He threw the ball better than I'd ever seen him. He didn't overthink."

Show, of course, played a huge role in the Padres' surprising ascension from last place in 1987 to third last year, leading the club in wins, complete games, innings pitched and strikeouts. His ERA led San Diego starters.

How did the Show metamorphosis come to pass? What triggered the new attitude?

"I'm not even sure," Show says. "All I know is that it hit me like a ton of rocks. I needed to change. All of a sudden I said to myself, 'What's going on? What are you thinking? You're in the prime of your life, you're in a fun game, you've got a lot of ability and you're letting all sorts of things affect you the wrong way.'"

"I don't think there is anything that can bother me now. I feel like I've been through it all. I'm looking forward to 1989 and beyond. Physically and mentally, I probably feel the best since I became a big league pitcher. My stuff isn't any better. I'm just smarter now.

"I know I've had a stormy career, a lot of controversy. Some things have been my fault. Some haven't. I'd change them if I could but they're past. I'm thinking

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positive now, and attitude is everything. I've decided I will not let physical conditioning or negative thinking beat me."

Controversy has followed Show around like a dog after a mailman. Or maybe it's not controversy. Maybe it's just being real colorful.

First of all, Show has the audacity to have multiple, vital interests outside of baseball.

When Show arrived in the major leagues in 1981, he was shocked to discover that other players didn't care to discuss economics, physics, nuclear arms and philosophy with him. He wondered, why don't others have the same curiosity as I do?

Frankly, teammates thought he was a goofball. A flake, a loner. And he was treated as an outcast.

On the field, an error by a defenseman would trigger a glare from Show, a rolling of the eyes, a "what's the use?" mind-set and often a bad inning.

So would a bloop single or a bad call by an umpire. Was the game too sophomoric for Eric? Did Thoreau or Emerson have a good hard slider? Did William James or Confucius?

No matter. A newly enlightened Show leaped from his cocoon in 1988. He had acceptance, tolerance and serenity. He shook hands with players who made good plays on defense. He screamed encouragement to his teammates. He reached out to colleagues in the clubhouse. He let bad luck roll off his back. Show grew up.

"I make my own luck now," he says. "As soon as I adopted that belief, things started changing for me."

Still, despite the new attitude, don't let anyone tell you that Show does not march to his own beat. He is one of the most interesting personalities in baseball.

Yes, there have been the rough experiences. In 1984, it was discovered that Show was affiliated with the John Birch Society when he was seen passing out pamphlets at the Del Mar Fair near San Diego. That caused tension among black teammates and opponents, who equated the organization with racism.

Then there was the September night in 1985 in Cincinnati, when he served up Pete Rose's record-breaking 4,192nd hit. Show was so impressed with the feat that he literally sat down on the mound at Riverfront Stadium while the poignant celebration took place.

It was a bad move and Show regrets it now, though he meant no disrespect. "I was tired, and besides, nobody would play catch with me," he says. "So I sat down. If I had it to do again, I wouldn't have sat down."

In 1987, Show hit Cubs right fielder Andre Dawson in the face with a fastball and got death threats from Chicago fans. He sent a letter of apology to Dawson, and it was rejected. Dawson later forgave Show. "For-

tunately, I had a good plastic surgeon," Dawson says now. But Chicago probably hasn't forgotten.

Says Show: "When I hit him, it was like the president was killed. On the one hand, the Chicago fans wanted atonement by death. On the other hand, people like (Detroit Manager) Sparky Anderson said I was a fool to send an apology. Andre Dawson is somebody I admire. It was just an unfortunate experience."

Early in 1988, when Show was struggling and still suited up in his thin skin, he got into a shouting match with McKeon after a mis-play in left field by teammate Keith Moreland.

The play had helped fuel a big inning for Atlanta. During the course of the argument, Show informed McKeon he'd had enough and wanted to be traded.

The next day, in Atlanta, the two spoke for 20 minutes behind second base during batting practice, and things were patched up. "Sometimes you say things in the heat of battle that you don't mean," said McKeon, who shortly after the season signed Show to a two-year contract. "I've certainly done it. Eric Show is a very important part of this club, a very important part of our future."

Show is cut from a different mold than your average ballplayer. As a schoolboy in Riverside, Calif., he created a three-dimensional, foam-rubber model of the human digestive system that still is used at the school.

As a teenager, he taught himself to read music and to play the guitar, and began teaching others. Today, he owns two music stores. He also plays in a band called the Eric Show Quartet. Last winter the group recorded an album and released a single off it.

Show also appeared in a movie called *The Patriot Game*. "A political science-fiction thriller," he says.

But until last season, there was a void in his pitching. He was underachieving. Yes, he'd won 15 games twice in his career. And after seven years with the Padres, he'd managed to become the winningest right-hander in club history.

Still, his career record, 86-73, isn't outstanding. He won fewer than 10 games in both 1986 and 1987.

Show is disappointed that he has not won 20 games in a season. He knows he has the physical talent to reach that plateau.

"It's something that I would very much like to accomplish," he says. "I think any pitcher would. And I feel I have the ability to do it."

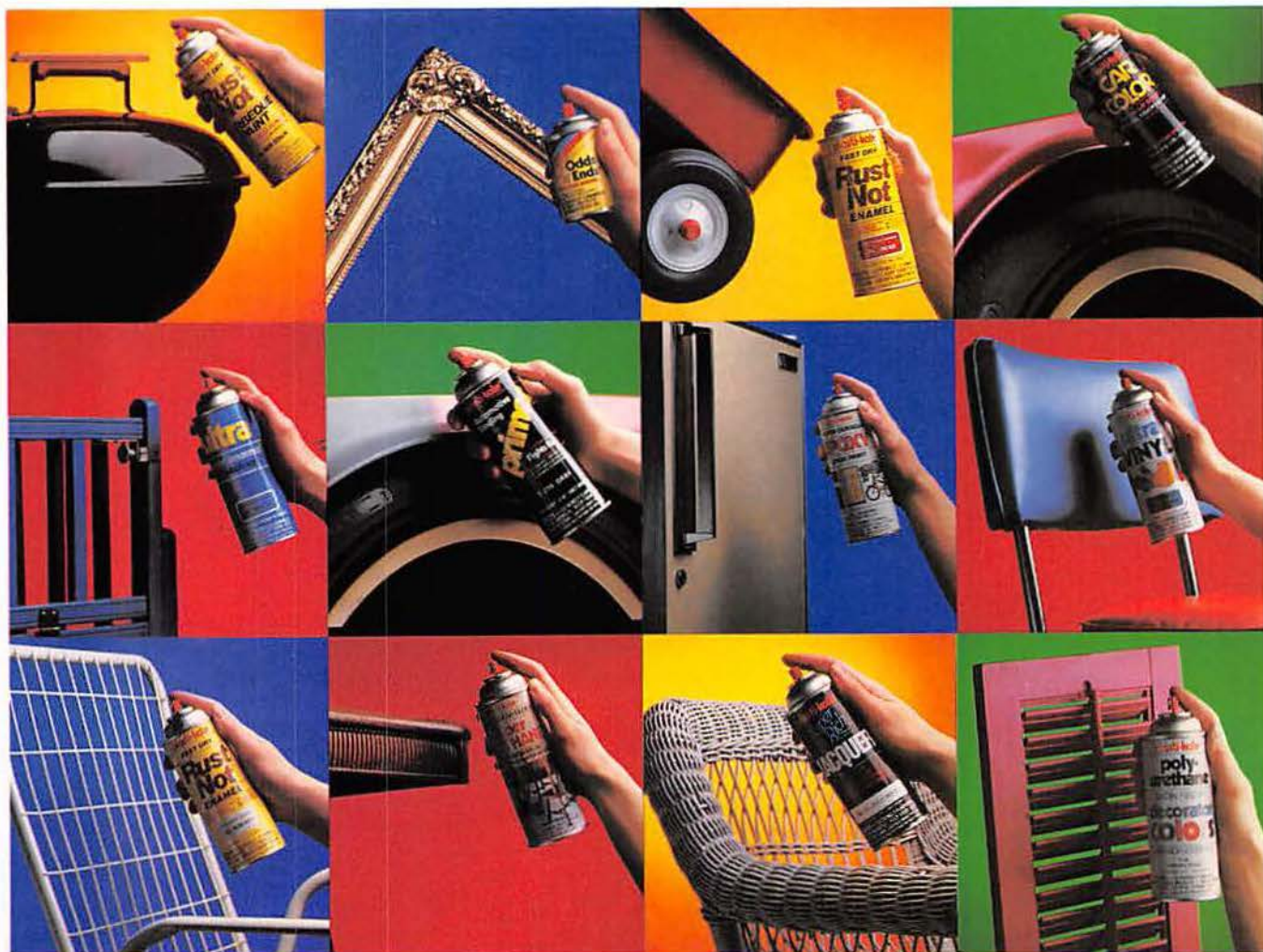
Given his new mental constitution, the chances appear good in the near future.

1989? Few Padres are putting it past him.

San Diego is a team on the upswing. With precious little offense (the team batting average, .247, was seventh in the National League), the Padres leaped into third place last year in the wide-open West division. They

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improved themselves considerably this winter by acquiring slugging first baseman Jack Clark (.242, 27 home runs, 93 RBI) from the New York Yankees, and starting pitchers Walt Terrell (7-16, 3.97) from Detroit and free agent left-hander Bruce Hurst (18-6, 3.66).

Hurst, a seven-year veteran with Boston, was one of last winter's most coveted free agents. San Diego gave him a three-year contract worth \$4.85 million, plus a \$400,000 signing bonus and a possible \$350,000 in incentives.

"Our 1988 team reminded me a lot of the one in 1983, the year before we won the pennant," says McKeon, who took over for the embattled Larry Bowa (16-30) on May 28 last year and managed the club to a 67-48 mark the rest of the way. "We were a player or two away in '83. We went out and got Goose Gossage (now with the Chicago Cubs) and Graig Nettles, and it put us over the hump. Now we've got Clark, Terrell and Hurst, and, who knows, we now may be in a position to contend."

For 1989, Show returns as the mainstay of a starting rotation that probably will include Hurst, left-hander Dennis Rasmussen (16-10, 3.43), Ed Whitson (13-11, 3.77) and Terrell. Andy Hawkins (14-11, 3.35) went to the New York Yankees as a free agent.

The bullpen ace is left-hander Mark Davis, who blossomed as a closer in 1988 with 28 saves in 34 tries, making Lance McCullers expendable. McCullers was dealt to the Yankees along with starter Jimmy Jones and outfielder Stan Jefferson in the trade for Clark and left-handed pitcher Pat Clements (0-0, 6.48 in six games).

Strong pitching enabled the Padres to remain competitive last year when scoring runs consistently was an ordeal. The Padres' team ERA (3.28) was fourth in the league and the club's best since 1978.

"Our pitching kept us in almost every game," says McKeon. "I would have been happy to go into 1989 with the same group of pitchers."

Runs should come more easily for the Padres with Clark, who will play first base and bat cleanup. Clark has hit 62 home runs in the past two years. The Padres hit only 94 homers as a team last year (second worst in the league) and were third from the bottom in both runs (594) and hits (1,325).

"Clark gives us instant offensive credibility," says Gwynn (.313-7-70), apparently unaware that his own presence creates fear in the opposition.

Gwynn, despite a hand injury that required surgery, battled his way to a second straight batting crown, the third of his career. He returns to right field and will bat in the No. 3 slot in front of Clark. Gwynn, whose .373 on-base percentage was fifth in the league, likely will see more good pitches to hit.



Tony Gwynn demonstrates the pluperfect swing of a superhitter.

Other players set to return include catcher Benito Santiago (.248-10-46); second baseman Roberto Alomar (.266-9-41), who dazzled in his rookie season; and left fielder John Kruk (.241-9-44), a natural hitter who suffered an off season in 1988.

With Moreland and Chris Brown gone to Detroit for Terrell, McKeon may platoon Randy Ready (.266-7-39) and sparkplug Tim Flannery (.265) at third.

The Padres seem to be set at shortstop. McKeon is happy with the veteran tandem of switch-hitter Garry Templeton (.249) and revitalized Dickie Thon (.264). Templeton

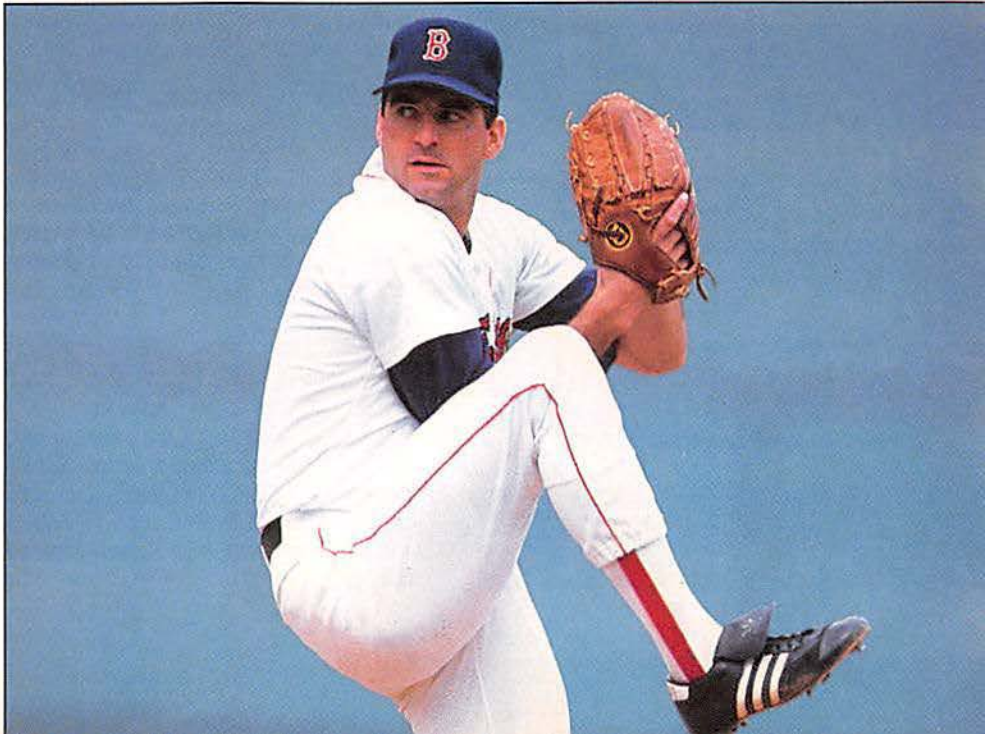
signed a one-year contract in December. Thon, though not fond of the platoon role, agreed to salary arbitration.

Center field is up for grabs. The position could go to one of two youngsters—Shawn Abner or Jerald Clark, both of whom spent most of '88 at Class AAA Las Vegas—or to veterans Marvell Wynne (.264-11-42) or Carmelo Martinez (.236-18-65).

Meanwhile, the Show must go on. And so he does, tweaking and tuning his craft, and maturing. And the Padres happily anticipate the 1989 Show, which could be his best performance ever.

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Bruce Hurst didn't have to twist elbows to get the Padres to make him a multimillionaire.



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All Davis Wants to Do Is Power Astros into Orbit

by Ivy McLemore
The Houston Post

Since the day he first put on a Houston Astros' uniform, first baseman Glenn Davis has been asked to perform the type of job that used to be reserved for the cast of *Mission: Impossible*.

Trying to earn recognition as a power hitter in the spacious Astrodome is about as appealing as specializing in blimp design or Studebaker repair. Many thought Davis would have been better off if he had declined the mission, let the tape self-destruct and simply walked away.

But to his credit, Davis conquered the odds. He has hit 20 or more home runs in each of the last four seasons, providing the indoor thunder Houston had been searching for since the 1970s.

Davis' value to the Astros became increasingly evident last season. In a year that favored pitchers, at least in the National League, he hit 30 home runs, drove in 99 runs and matched his career high with a .271 batting average. As a result, he was recognized as the Astros' Most Valuable Player by the Houston chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

"I try to take things year by year and concentrate on making each year the best possible," says Davis. "When I reflect on the last few seasons, I consider my play to have been pretty consistent. I've always wanted to be consistent, even though more may have been expected of me at times."

During the early stages of his career, Davis was asked to shoulder too much of the Astros' offensive burden. When other members of the lineup clicked in 1986, the club won the National League West. When they didn't, the blame usually was placed on Davis for not wearing a cape and an S on his chest and overcoming his teammates' deficiencies.

"We need another big bat to help Glenn in our batting order," says General Manager Bill Wood. "We don't want him to think he has to carry the entire load."

Davis isn't Superman. But the 28-year-old slugger has used a combination of experience, determination and natural ability to establish himself as one of the league's brightest stars. He is expected to become the first million-dollar infielder in club history if he continues the kind of effort that has made his name a household word along the Gulf Coast.

In 1988, Davis became the first Houston player to hit 20 or more home runs in four straight seasons since Jimmy Wynn accomplished the feat in 1967-70. Davis also reached the 100 mark in career homers faster than any player in club history, which is an enviable feat considering the Astrodome's hostility toward power hitters.

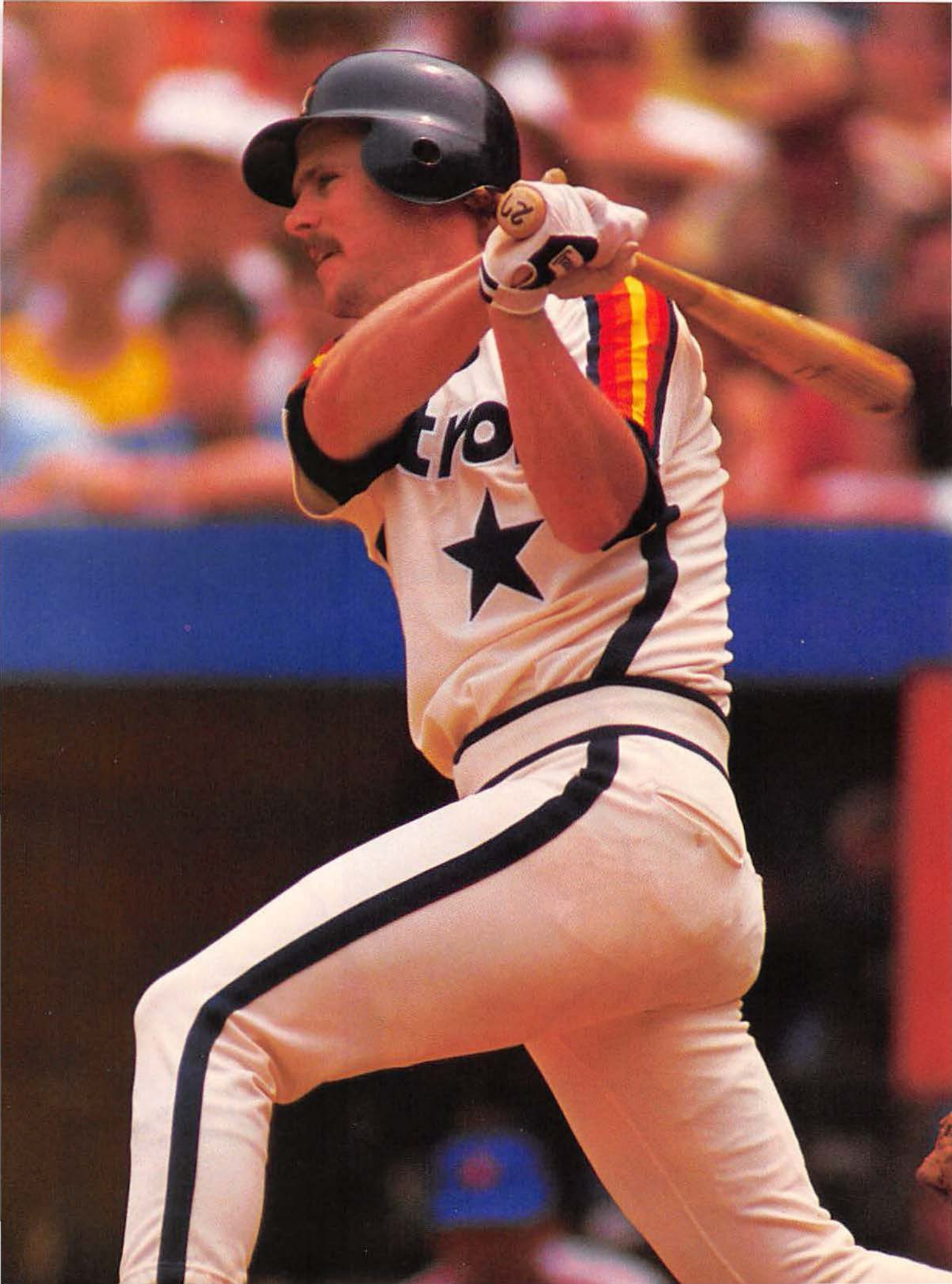
Davis has provided the offensive spark with something other than home runs. He has become increasingly adept at hitting to the opposite field, counteracting the infield shift several teams use against him.

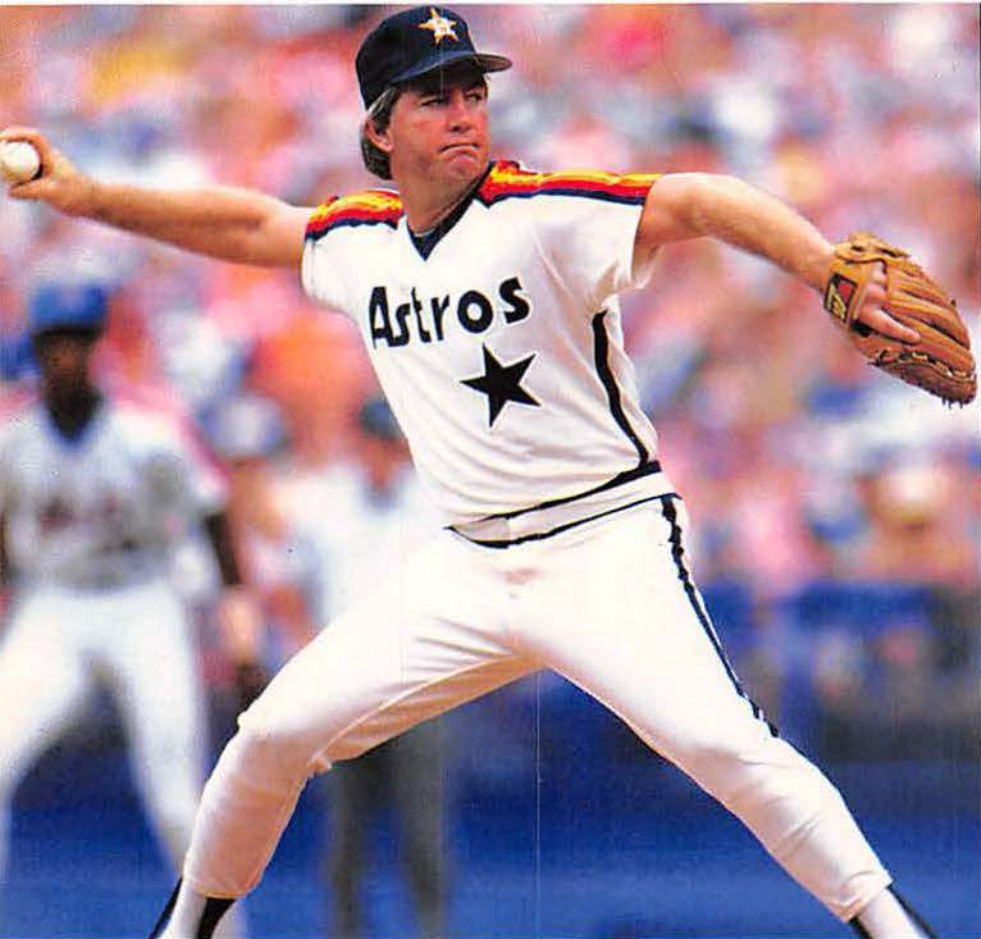
"I think I'm a more knowledgeable hitter now in that I've been able to use the entire field and adjust to pitchers a little bit better," Davis says. "I measure my success more by how I respond to situations than by home runs and RBI production."

"I'm comfortable in some areas of my game, but I'm never satisfied. Even if I'm hitting .300, I think there's a better way to do things. I don't know if you could call me a perfectionist, but maybe I expect too much of myself. To me, my job is a case of attitude, approach and preparation."

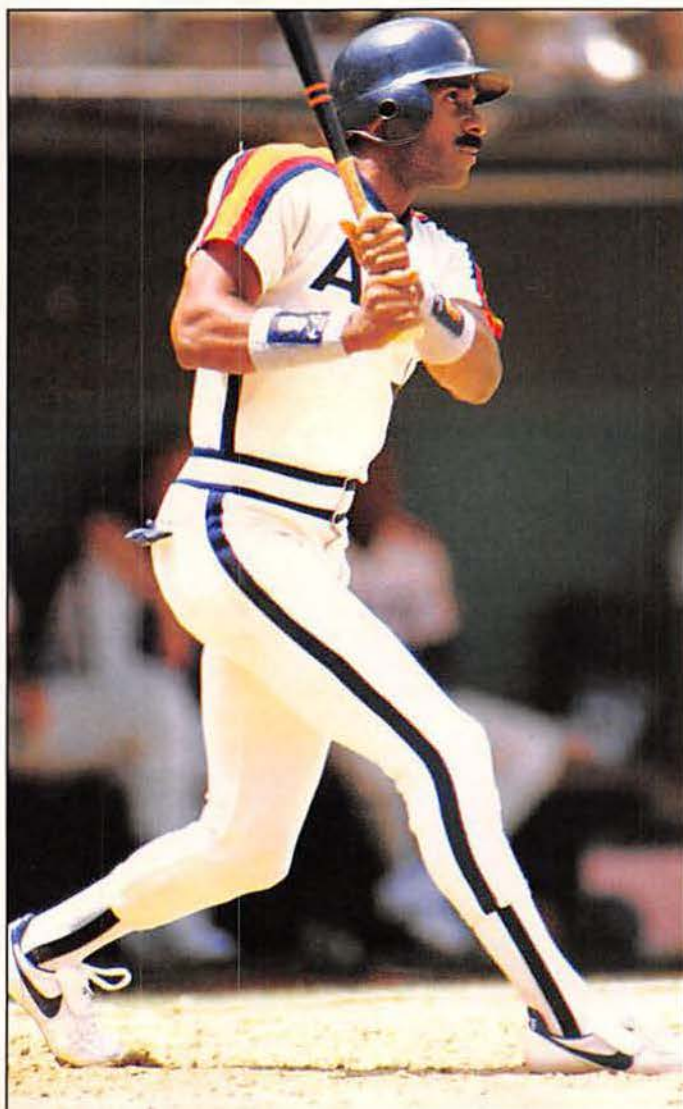
Davis raised a few eyebrows when he hit 20 homers in 100 games during his rookie season of 1985. And no opposing manager appreciated Davis' productivity more than St. Louis Manager Whitey Herzog, whose Cardinals play their home games in Busch Stadium, which resembles an Astrodome without a roof.

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Save the Astros is what Dave Smith (above) does best with III in the last four seasons. Kevin Bass (right) wasn't in the swim for hitting honors in '88 but hopes for more luck this season.



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"Wynn's home run record for Houston (37) might be in jeopardy," said Herzog after watching Davis hit three homers against the Cardinals in an exhibition game that spring. "He's got that kind of power."

Davis broke Lee May's club record for home runs by a first baseman (29) by hitting 31 in 1986. He also drove in 101 runs and tied the New York Mets' Gary Carter for the most game-winning RBI with 16.

After finishing second in the National League Most Valuable Player balloting in '86, Davis slumped to .251 the following season. Part of the problem was attributed to psychological scars resulting from bitter contract negotiations with then-General Manager Dick Wagner. Davis tied a club record by hitting three home runs in a game at San Diego, but many of his season-total 27 homers and 93 RBI did not come at crucial times.

"Everything is focused on performance, but I look deeper than that," Davis says. "I don't think I had a better learning year than '87, so I consider it a successful year. I learned lessons that can help me the rest of my career."

Davis' resurgence at the plate reflected a more relaxed attitude. And besides hitting for a higher average, he polished his defensive skills at first base, displaying increased range, agility and savvy.

Davis would like nothing better than to place a Gold Glove on his mantel alongside the Silver Slugger Award he received in 1986. Now that he has earned respect for his ability as a power hitter, he wants to improve his reputation as a fielder.

"Sometimes, winning a Gold Glove comes down to a popularity contest and media hype," says Davis, who made only six errors last season. "I got a bad rap my first few years in the league because I wasn't familiar with the position. It kind of stuck with me even though I've always thought I've had a pretty good glove. It forced me to work in that area."

As he approaches the 1989 season, Davis plans to stray from the Teddy Roosevelt approach of speaking softly and carrying a big stick. He has been stereotyped as a gentle giant on a team that has sorely lacked player leadership in recent years.

"I want to improve my leadership qualities and become more vocal," says Davis. "I think that will contribute a lot to my position and the responsibilities I have in the infield and on offense."

"When I first came up, we had a lot of veterans on the club, and I had a tendency to sit back and watch. I didn't want to be the cocky young guy coming up, telling everyone what to do. But now I see myself trying to help the ballclub in all areas. I may not have the personality or temperament of a Kirk Gibson, but I think there are all types of leaders."

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One of the Astros' biggest changes during the off-season was the hiring of a new manager. Former Texas Rangers coach Art Howe was named last November to replace Hal Lanier, fired after a fifth-place finish that marked the end of three bittersweet seasons at the Astros' helm.

Luckily for Houston, Davis is entering the prime of his career at a time when many of the club's veterans have started to show their age. Wood's top two priorities in the off-season were lowering the average age of the Astros' pitching staff and adding run production in the outfield.

In recent years, Houston's starting rotation has been among the best in the majors. Mike Scott continues to lead the staff after winning 66 games the last four seasons. He was plagued by injuries after a quick start last year but still finished with a 14-8 record and a 2.92 ERA while registering 190 strikeouts and only 53 walks.

Nolan Ryan, the Astros' Ageless Wonder, took free agency after nine seasons with Houston and wound up signing with Texas. To address that loss, the Astros signed right-handed starter Jim Clancy, a "new look" free agent who was 11-13, 4.49 with Toronto last season, and traded three of their 1988 minor leaguers for veteran right-hander Rick Rhoden of the New York Yankees. Rhoden was 12-12, 4.29 last year.

Bob Knepper (14-5, 3.14) and Jim Deshaies (11-14, 3.00) provide the Astros with capable left-handers. Bob Forsch (10-8, 4.29), acquired in a late-season trade with St. Louis, signed a one-year contract. He'll probably both start and relieve, with Danny Darwin (8-13, 3.84) returning to a relief role.

Dave Smith easily could have improved on his total of 27 saves had the Astros provided him with more opportunities. The biggest surprise in the bullpen was the emergence of left-hander Juan Agosto, who went 10-2 with a 2.26 ERA, using a wicked slider.

Darwin and capable veteran Larry Andersen (53 appearances, 2.94 ERA) are set for roles in middle relief. Charlie Kerfeld, banished to the minors because of shoulder problems and ineffectiveness, may be primed for a comeback. Added help could come from Mark Portugal (3-3, 4.53), acquired from Minnesota, and Brian Meyer, who is being groomed as the Astros' fireman of the future. He has had 25 saves in each of his last two minor league seasons.

Veteran third baseman Buddy Bell, acquired from Cincinnati last year, was not offered a contract for 1989. He later signed with Texas. Ken Caminiti, who has regressed at the plate and in the field following a promising 1987 debut, will get a look at third, along with veteran Craig Reynolds (.255).

Rafael Ramirez took over as the regular shortstop and led the club in batting with a



Second baseman Bill Doran was wide of his usual mark as a hitter in '88 but not as a fielder.

.276 average. He had a career-high 59 RBI and displayed capable glove work alongside second baseman Bill Doran (.248, 53 RBI).

Unless highly touted Craig Biggio makes rapid progress, veterans Alan Ashby (.238, 33 RBI) and Alex Trevino (.249) probably will share the catching.

Houston's starting outfield of Billy Hatcher, Gerald Young and Kevin Bass was more adept at stealing bases than hitting home runs last season, a trait the club will try to

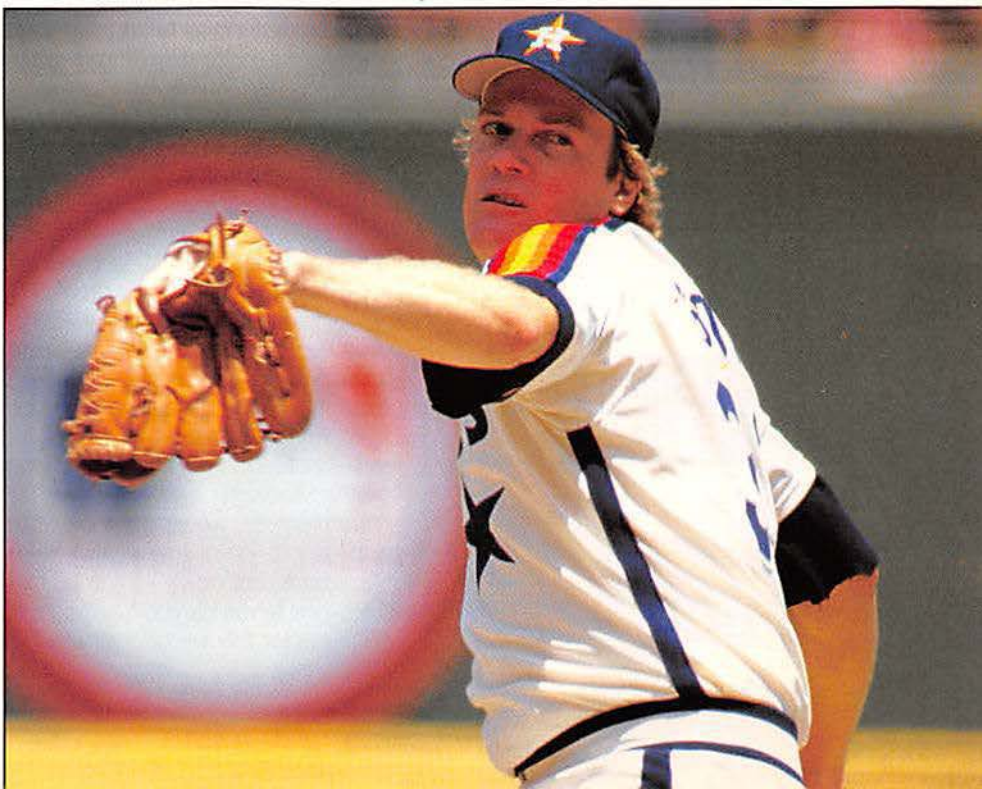
change. The Astros stole a franchise-record 198 bases in 1988.

Young (.257, 37 RBI) set a club record with 65 steals, but he has hit only one home run in 850 career at-bats. Hatcher hit .268 with 52 RBI in a platoon role with left-handed hitter Terry Puhl (.303). Bass hit .255 with 14 homers and 72 RBI.

Outfielder Cameron Drew is the most promising prospect from the Astros' farm system.

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Mike Scott throws heat with the best of them—729 strikeouts in the last three seasons.



Perry Personifies Atlanta's Brave New World

by Darryl Maxie
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Zane Smith's right foot pulled a Rip Van Winkle on him. Half of Bruce Sutter's face was paralyzed for weeks. Pete Smith missed a start because of a spider bite.

It was a season of weird injuries for Atlanta Braves pitchers, but at least their seasons didn't end because of injuries suffered during a rain delay.

That's the way first baseman Gerald Perry's season ended. Allegedly.

It started with a call to the press box during a 45-minute rain delay at Riverfront Stadium.

Jim Schultz, Braves public relations man, picked up the phone and verified that 164 hits divided by 547 at-bats was, in fact, .2998 and rounded off to .300. For what Perry had in mind, the figures had to be precise.

"I checked eight times," Schultz said.

Perry then asked Manager Russ Nixon to take him out of the game and came up with a rash of injuries for reporters afterward. His back stiffened. His legs cramped. He pulled a hamstring.

All this happened during a rain delay the fourth inning last Oct. 1 in Cincinnati. Perry threw back his head and laughed a .300 hitter's laugh. He wouldn't bat again, eschewing the risks Ted Williams took with an average 100 points higher 47 years before. That was a performance to remember.

Going into the final day of the 1941 season, with a double-header to play, Williams was batting .39955, in round figures, .400. Joe Cronin, the Boston manager, let Williams make the decision. The Splendid Splinter of the Red Sox said, "If I'm going to be a .400 hitter, I want to have more than my toenails on the line." In the first game, Williams, successively, singled to right, hit a 440-foot home run, then two more singles before a grounder on which an error was made. Rather than sit out the second game, with an average well over .400 now assured, Williams ripped a single and a double, then a final-appearance fly: 6-for-8 and a .406 batting average.

Nixon was sympathetic to Perry, especially since the Braves had almost reached the end of the worst season in Atlanta history.

"I was thinking of taking him out, but in that situation I leave it in the player's hands," says Nixon. "With the chance to win the batting title gone, the second-most important thing was to hit .300."

Down the stretch, Perry lost to San Diego's Tony Gwynn in a race Perry led for 62 consecutive days. Maybe he had a right to the timely injuries, considering all the untimely ones.

Batting a National League-leading .332 on June 19, Perry dislocated his left shoulder. Batting a league-leading .321 on Aug. 14, he broke his left index finger.

Perry missed only 19 games because of injuries and gained a part of the Atlanta spotlight normally reserved for veteran right fielder Dale Murphy. Then again, there wasn't exactly a lot of spotlight to pass around. The Braves' .338 winning percentage was the worst by an NL team since the Montreal Expos and San Diego Padres were 52-110 (.321) in 1969, when they were expansion teams in their first seasons. It was the most losses by an NL team since the Expos lost 107 in 1976. The Braves were the first major league team in three years that failed to draw 1 million fans, even with \$1 ticket offers at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

"Sometimes, we would look up from the dugout and say, 'This'd be another good day to paint the seats,'" Perry says.

Amid the bad news—even two-time Most Valuable Player Murphy batted only .226, worst since his rookie season of 1978—Perry was the good news. He drove in 74 runs for the second straight year (tying a career high) and led the Braves

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Ron Gant, who led rookies in power numbers—errors were high, too—gets a try at third base.

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with 29 stolen bases. He made the All-Star team. He won Gwynn's respect.

"He's a knowledgeable hitter," Gwynn says. "He's not a flash in the pan. The biggest difference I see in him now is that he's using the whole field. Before, he used to always pull the ball."

Perry earned Murphy's respect, too.

"The way he plays is the only way to play," says Murphy. "Gerald is so aggressive. I'm always learning from his example."

1988 was the season the Braves had been waiting for from Perry, International League All-Star three years ago. It took Perry a long time to figure out his strike zone and not merely what he could lay his bat on, which was just about anything within reach.

"Gerald thought he could hit anything you threw," says Nixon, who as both a coach for and against Atlanta watched Perry struggle his first four years. "Now, he's got a lot better sense of what he can hit and what he hits best. He's one of those guys who's going to make contact every time he swings the bat. His average went way down (.214 in 1985) when he was swinging at everything. But he'd hit the thing. He'd foul it off or hit it for an out."

Says former teammate Ted Simmons, who retired as a player to become the St. Louis Cardinals' director of player development: "The strike zone is usually the last refinement in an accomplished hitter. Gerald has the physical skills, he has the opportunity and now he knows what is a strike and what isn't. When that time arrives, you're looking at a very dangerous offensive person."

Until 1988, when former Atlanta Manager

Chuck Tanner stuck Perry at first base and left him there, the Braves didn't have a position reserved for him.

They put him in left field and it was sad. He had to wait his turn behind everybody at first base: Bob Horner, Chris Chambliss, even Gary Roenicke, who was released in 1988.

"They bounced Gerald all over," Nixon says. "The brain trust tried to make him an outfielder, which he wasn't. Everybody kept placing doubt in his mind. All those setbacks might've hurt an ordinary guy, but I don't think it much bothered him."

Not even arbitration before the 1988 season bothered Perry. He wanted \$425,000; the Braves offered \$375,000. Perry won, but not before hearing the Braves' argument for the lower salary: that in five years, he had produced just one good season, and even then he didn't hit many home runs (12 in 1987).

"It was kind of hard, listening to their arguments," Perry says. "I went in there expecting the worst. It wasn't as bad as I expected, but it was still pretty bad. I can see how it would affect some guys. They could take it two ways: They could be hurt for years to come, or they could use it as a motivator. They could say, 'If that's what you think, I'm going to go out and show you I can play.'"

That's what Perry did.

The Braves hope the rest of their players will take note, because nobody is predicting great things for 1989, even if Murphy returns to form.

The Braves have much to overcome. Last season, they were 11th in the 12-team league in batting, 11th in pitching and last in fielding. They hit only 96 homers (tied for ninth), drove

in only 527 runs (last) and had only 95 stolen bases. Every other NL team stole at least 112 bases; the Braves also seemed close to the league lead in runners picked off.

"On defense, we made a lot of rookie mistakes," Nixon says. "With our offense and our pitching, we weren't able to overcome those mistakes. The Mets make the same mistakes, but who cares? Their pitching, hitting and defense are going to overcome it. We're down at the bottom. Statistics don't lie."

Murphy's statistics didn't lie, either. Never in his 11 years with the Braves did he endure as many trade rumors as last season. For most other players, the team-leading totals of 24 homers and 77 RBI would be something worth celebrating. Not for Murphy, who said, "I didn't carry my share of the load."

Other clubs hoped the Braves would think the same thing and would trade him cheaper. The Braves listened to the offers but decided to hold on to Murphy for at least two reasons: One, they were out-homered 64-48 in their own stadium, nicknamed "The Launching Pad" for the way balls jump out of the place, and two, Braves fans would have wanted to burn down the stadium, especially after the fit they threw when lesser outfielder Brett Butler was dealt to Cleveland in 1983.

Besides, could Murphy possibly have back-to-back seasons like '88?

"Hopefully, he's got that out of his system," Nixon says.

Atlanta has a long way to go toward becoming a contender. Question marks are many. Such as:

- Where to position Ron Gant, fourth in Rookie-of-the-Year voting, who had the best power numbers of any rookie in baseball (19 homers, 60 RBI)?
- Will the young pitchers (Pete Smith, Tom Glavine, John Smoltz) pan out?
- Does catcher Jody Davis have four or five good years left?
- Will decent left and center fielders identify themselves?

Gant, who was supposed to spend 1988 getting Class AAA seasoning at Richmond, Va., was rushed in to take over for Damaso Garcia, the projected second baseman who batted .117 and had to be released a month into the season.

Gant had defensive problems at second, and when the Braves traded third baseman Ken Oberkell to Pittsburgh, they gave him a shot at that position and promoted Mark Lemke from Class AA Greenville, S.C., to handle second.

Lemke may not be ready to make the move for a full season, in which case minor league infielder Jeff Blauser could play second. Gant played third base in winter ball and will start there in the spring. He also could be tried in the outfield. One thing's certain. Gant's bat has a spot in the lineup.

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Atlanta fandom hopes Dale Murphy hits on a solution for his 1988 problems at the plate.

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Shortstop Andres Thomas, subject of trade rumors for needed power, came up with pretty good numbers for a middle infielder: 13 homers, 68 RBI. It was his best of three seasons as a Brave.

Darrell Evans (.208, 22 home runs, 64 RBI with Detroit) could contribute in the infield or off the bench. The former free agent was signed to a minor league contract since Atlanta's 40-man roster was full.

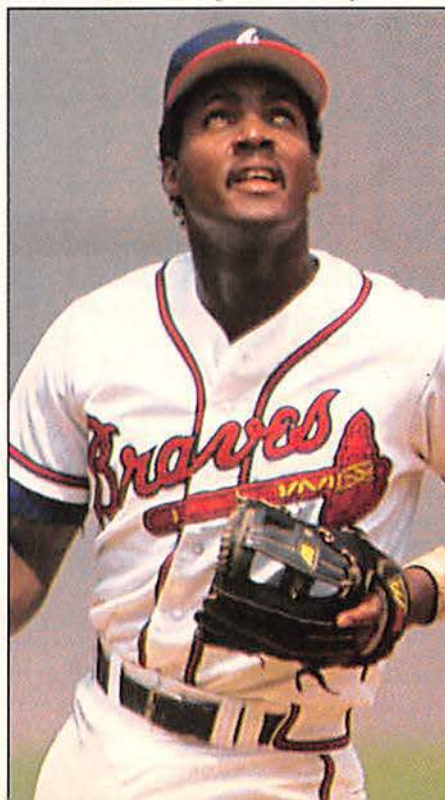
The Braves, who lost free agent Rick Mahler to Cincinnati, will cast their lot with youth on the mound. Smoltz, Glavine and Pete Smith combined to go 16-39 last year. The experienced pitchers, Zane Smith and Mahler, combined at 14-26. The way the Braves scored runs, or rather, didn't score runs, all five deserved better fates.

Glavine, who started 3-13, and Pete Smith, who began 3-11, each won four of his final eight decisions. Each showed promise. After 38 career starts without a complete game, Glavine got one. He fell one out shy of another two starts later. Pete Smith pitched back-to-back shutouts (against the Chicago Cubs), which no Brave had done since Phil Niekro was in his prime.

Smoltz, a hard thrower, has potential. He four-hit the Mets in his major league debut last July. Smoltz says that Nixon has told him, "I will have the ball until I drop it." If he learns not to over-throw, which pitching coach Bruce Dal Canton cautioned him about more than once last season, Smoltz's sophomore season could give the Braves a solid starter.

The Braves' strength is their bullpen, middle relief particularly, where right-hander Jose Alvarez did the best job. He allowed only seven of 40 inherited runners to score. Left-hander Paul Assenmacher proved durable, turning in 64 appearances and a 3.06 ERA. Charlie Puleo was usually good for spot starts and middle relief, but he also

Thomas is heading into his best years.



allowed 18 of 38 inherited runners to score.

Though he will be pushed by Joe Boever, Sutter is still the stopper. He saved 14 games in his comeback campaign, following two seasons of inactivity. He spent most of the season coming back from one injury or another, whether it was Bell's palsy, a bad knee that required arthroscopic surgery the last week of the season, or his right shoulder, which kept him out the two years.

Davis was acquired from the Cubs for two minor leaguers last September. He lost his job in Chicago to Damon Berryhill, and the Braves hope he can return to his form of the five seasons previous to 1988, when he averaged 20 homers.

The move became necessary when Nixon lost patience with Ozzie Virgil, who had only nine homers and 31 RBI after producing 27 homers and 72 RBI in 1987, his All-Star season. After filing for free agency, Virgil ripped Nixon for not playing him and damaging his worth as a free agent.

Virgil's loss was Bruce Benedict's gain. Benedict was removed from his deep freeze of 1987—though healthy, he played in only 37 games and batted .147—to play in 90 games last season. But he still didn't drive in runs (no home runs, 19 RBI and .242 average). He will, however, be an adequate backup for Davis.

Of all the question marks, the outfield is the biggest. They might as well have put turnstiles out there except in right field; it seemed more people passed through left and center field than carried ticket stubs through the stadium gates.

They tried Jim Morrison, Lonnie Smith, Dion James, Jerry Royster, Tommy Gregg, Terry Blocker, Ken Griffey, Albert Hall and Roenicke in those positions.

Gregg, acquired in the Oberkfell deal, appears to be the best bet in center field. He's a left-handed line-drive hitter with speed, but he couldn't break into the Pirates' outfield, where Andy Van Slyke and Barry Bonds have two-thirds of the territory nailed down.

Left field is still up for grabs. If James returns to his 1987 form, when he batted .312 with 10 homers and 61 RBI, it's his, even though his defense may be suspect, and he doesn't have the strongest arm. James wasn't given much chance to hit left-handed pitching last season and was platooned when he started slowly.

What will make 1989 tolerable for the Braves? Not losing 100 games again, certainly. Drawing at least a million fans. Not being compared every day to the Orioles. Not having to replace the manager in the middle of the season—Nixon bargained for a two-year contract after the season but settled for one year.

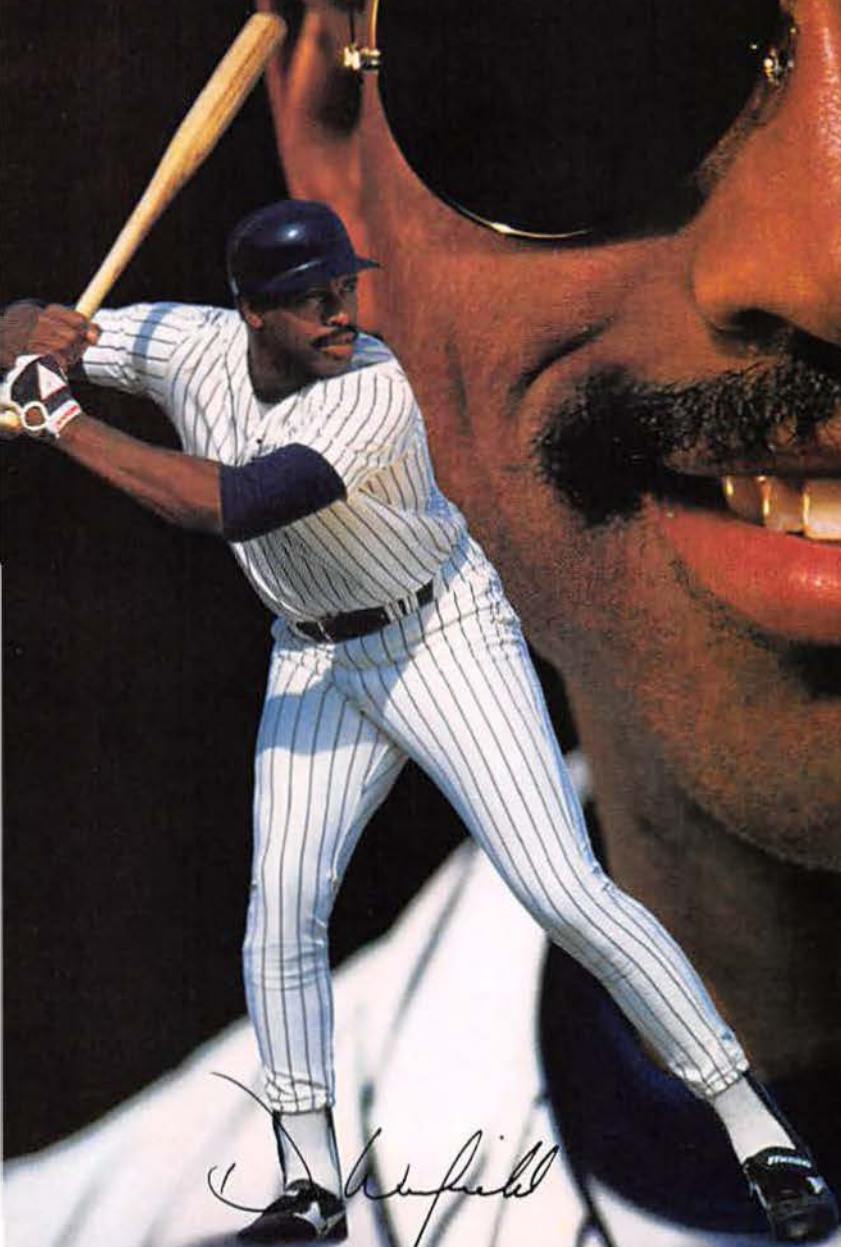
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by Mike Lopresti
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"It hasn't sunk in. Maybe it never will."

—Orel Hershiser, after winning
Game 5 of the World Series

Nearly a month after he had thrown his final immaculate pitch, stamping the last vestige of life from the forlorn Oakland Athletics in the World Series, Orel Hershiser's Autumn of Glory still would not end.

There had been World Series MVP honors, of course. The Cy Young Award. And in mid-November, President Reagan held his final State dinner in the White House. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was the honoree. Lobster and veal were on the menu. Orel Hershiser of the Los Angeles Dodgers was one of the guests.

Finally, there was nothing left in 1988 for Hershiser to do. Every mountain had been climbed. Every door had opened, even the one on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The stature of his deeds has not faded over the winter. Indeed, it has grown. Looking back, his autumn successes are all the more stunning. It was not just the major league-record 59 consecutive scoreless innings in September as the Dodgers were breezing to the National League West title. Or the 1-0 record, with a save, in the pennant playoffs. Or the 2-0 record in the World Series, when he rendered the A's helpless and bewildered, holding them to seven hits with 17 strikeouts in 18 innings. Or the fact that he gave up five earned runs his last 10 1/3 innings in 1988.

No, Hershiser's achievements could best be appreciated in the wonder of his colleagues. Major league players are a hardened lot. They know too well the intricacies and history of their intricate, historical game to be unduly moved by one man. They are professionals more than fans. Orel Hershiser moved them.

"We will probably never live long enough to see another pitcher do what Orel Hershiser has accomplished," said teammate Kirk Gibson.

"He had about as good a year as any pitcher who ever lived," said Dodgers catcher Mike Scioscia.

"I saw it, but I can't believe it," said Manager Tom Lasorda. "I can't find the words to describe Orel Hershiser."

Lasorda unable to find words is like flies unable to find a picnic. It baffles the mind. But then, Hershiser was baffling. In a game of mortals, he was invulnerable. For two months, he lived his own Camelot.

Hershiser's nickname is Bulldog. Lasorda gave it to him.

"I called him into the office one day and

told him to imagine he was getting ready to come in and face Dale Murphy with the bases loaded," Lasorda says.

"Now if the announcer says, 'Now pitching, Orel Hershiser,' Murphy can't wait to get to the plate. He can't wait to bat against somebody named Orel Hershiser. But if the man announces, 'Now pitching, Bulldog Hershiser,' Dale Murphy is worried. He respects him."

Hershiser and Lasorda have had some interesting office chats. In 1983, Lasorda called him in to say he was the last player to be cut but not to get a long-term lease on an apartment in the minors, because he would be back very soon.

Hershiser wasn't back in Los Angeles until that September.

"Tommy cost me a lot of money," he jokes. But Hershiser has made a lot of it back.

Bulldog. He doesn't quite fit the part with his thin 6-3 frame, his glasses he wears off the field, his quiet public demeanor, his deep religious feelings.

It is easy to look at him and think that here is a modestly talented bookworm who has gotten by on brains alone.

But it is not quite that way. Hershiser says he doesn't like to read that much. He was academically ineligible for baseball his first

year in college at Bowling Green (Ohio) State.

Beneath the window dressing is a superior athlete, a former hockey player, a four-handicap golfer. "I really don't think there is a sport I couldn't learn if it required athletic ability," Hershiser says.

And he can be a cold-eyed competitor. "I think that's the whole mystique or aura that I have," he says. "I don't look like a guy who would pitch inside, but I seem to lead our team and most of the league in hitting batters every year."

He says he had to learn to be tough growing up. Anyone named Orel Hershiser IV would. Apparently, he was pleased with the results. Orel and Jamie Hershiser's first son is Orel V. They call him Quinton, from the Latin root for five.

And as Hershiser made 1988 his own highlight film, he never lost perspective.

On breaking Don Drysdale's scoreless-inning record: "I didn't want to break the record, because I respected the man and the record, and I think he was a better pitcher than I am."

On postseason adulation: "You can't get carried away with this stuff. It's a big deal now, but in the realm of eternity, this is nothing."

On his regard for associates: "I like being

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WHY WAIT TWO WEEKS FOR YOUR NEXT PAYDAY?



Jose Canseco (above) homered in the first game, but after that it was all Dodgers. Mickey Hatcher (below), with two, had more home runs in the World Series than the Oakland slugger had hits. (Right) National League MVP Kirk Gibson and Manager Tom Lasorda celebrated the championship later.



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down to earth. I like being able to relate to everyone, from the guy who helps us with our luggage to Tommy."

What the National League and Oakland saw in Hershiser was a student of the art of pitching.

"Every inning I pitch, I get better," he says. "Every Hall of Famer, every ex-player, especially pitchers, says, 'I wish I knew then what I know now. Then I would have been so much better.'"

"So the theory behind my whole career has been one of just being a sponge and absorbing everything I can."

Someone gave him a portable computer and he takes it nearly everywhere. He punches in a constant flow of information about pitching, anything to get an edge. In Game 2 of the World Series, he had notes in his back pocket about the A's.

So when his moment came at age 30 last September and October, Hershiser was ready. His sinker and curve worked in deadly tandem, his fastball was impossible to gauge. He was on a roll, and he blew away some of the best hitters in the world as if they were American Legion players.

"I've never seen a guy get away with throwing me so many fastballs," Oakland's Jose Canseco said after a frustrating and fruitless night of Orel-chasing. "Never."

"You were lucky, Hershiser!" a young Oakland fan shouted at him after Game 5.

"Grab a bat, kid," Hershiser said, smiling.

It was a season of surprises. Hershiser's year began with an appendectomy in February. But the real Dodger news real early

was when a new arrival named Kirk Gibson stormed from a spring training clubhouse, angry at the practical joke of teammate Jesse Orosco, who put eye-black in Gibson's cap.

Now the stuff washes off easily enough, but that was not the point to Gibson. He said the Dodgers needed to get more serious. Only later would everyone find out how serious they would get.

The major league season included an epidemic of balks, Pete Rose being suspended 30 days for an ill-timed bump of an ump and a baby bull named Jose Canseco laying American League pitchers to waste as he led Oakland to the pennant. He hit 42 home runs and stole 40 bases, a two-pronged assault unprecedented in the history of baseball.

The Boston Red Sox rose from the dead at midseason when one of their own, a New Englander named Joe Morgan, took command. Meanwhile, in the National League East, the New York Mets marched to the division title with expected ease.

So they arrived in October, the four of them: the A's (104 wins) and Mets (100) as predicted, the Red Sox on the wave of their second-half surge in the American League East, and the fourth team that somehow did not look as if it belonged.

The Dodger lineup was hardly impressive. Gibson was hurt. The Mets had beaten them 10 of 11 during the season, and when New York won Game 1 of the playoffs in the ninth inning at Dodger Stadium, it looked like the Dodgers' time clearly had run out, especially since a stellar performance by Hershiser, who was not the losing pitcher, had been wasted.

But logic swerved off the road at that point and never really came back. The Dodgers moved to a three-games-to-two lead by winning twice in New York, despite losing ace reliever Jay Howell to a suspension when he was nabbed with pine tar on his glove.

So dire was the Dodgers' pitching situation that Hershiser started Game 3. He left after working seven innings with a 4-3 lead in a game Alejandro Pena lost. Hershiser relieved and got a save in Game 4, and was back in the bullpen the next day warming up during Game 5. He had taken off on his own before Lasorda knew anything about it. "I can't chain him down, can I?" Lasorda said.

The Mets won Game 6 to force the final showdown, but their road had ended. Hershiser was semirested—his wife had taken over the midnight feedings for their new baby—and he coasted to the 6-0 clincher.

"Wouldn't it set the baseball world on its ear if I went out and threw nine innings of shutout ball after two days rest," Hershiser said to pitching coach Ron Perranoski before the game. "Why can't I throw a perfect game tonight?"



A's one brief, shining moment: McGwire's HR.

Hershiser wasn't perfect, but when the Dodgers took a big early lead as New York inexplicably fell apart in the field, he mowed down the Mets. "Once he had the 6-0 lead, he went for the throat," said New York's Keith Hernandez. "I admire him for that."

One more team had found out Hershiser

is not as gentle as he looks. And after the final out, Hershiser immediately bowed down on one knee to thank God.

The American League pennant was settled far more efficiently. The A's were on top of Boston from the start, and if Canseco wasn't hitting home runs, Dennis Eckersley was getting the final outs for another save. He had four, in fact, as the A's swept the Red Sox. Oakland's only regret—or so Don Baylor said—was that the Mets would not be around to beat, since they were the best team in the National League.

Game 1 of the Series seemed to be following the playoff script when Eckersley took the mound in the ninth inning with a 4-3 lead to save. The game came down to two outs and one on, with only Gibson left to retire. Gibson, who did not start because of a bad knee and strained hamstring, had hobbled out as a pinch hitter in one last Dodger gasp, motivated to do so by hearing on television that he could not play at all.

What happened next, of course, would be the most dramatic moment of the 1988 season and maybe the decade: Gibson, on a full count, drilling a two-run game-winning homer over the right field wall, then limping around the bases.

"It was a memorable sound," A's shortstop

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Brewers Win By a Head



by George Leonard
Editor

Something is always brewing in Milwaukee—sometimes even a pennant drive.

If it is to happen this season, the three survivors of Milwaukee's last championship-winning club, in 1982, must continue to be the hale fellows they were last year. Center fielder Robin Yount (shortstop in '82), third baseman Paul Molitor and second baseman Jim Gantner appeared in 154 games or more. Yount played in every one. Each bettered his career batting average.

The Brewers have adequate although not overpowering pitching (second-best in the American League). Ted Higuera and Don August head a group of four that won at least 10 games.

On the surface, there isn't much difference in strength among the top five in the AL East. The hunch persists that Milwaukee wins the division, Detroit winds up fifth but not too distant, and New York, Toronto and Boston are the in-betweeners.

There's one thing in every team's favor except Boston: It hasn't been trendy to repeat as champion since New York (George Steinbrenner's Yankees) in 1980-81. The Red Sox won the East in 1988 but since then lost 18-game winner Bruce Hurst, who signed with San Diego as a free agent.

Of course, it's nothing more than a fad: non-consecutive winners. One year all four major league division champions will make it back to the playoffs. Maybe this year, if the Red Sox succeed in compensating in some way for Hurst's departure just after he had come into his own with 33 victories in 1987-88.

Only three and a half games separated Boston from the fifth-finishing Yankees in 1988. Pitching gets the job done, but Red Sox Manager Joe Morgan can still fill out a lineup card with the league's best hitters (batting king Wade Boggs, Mike Greenwell, Ellis Burks et al).

As to pitching, Roger Clemens intends to move back in the 20-win class, you can bet, after an uncharacteristic 18-12 season. In one month, August, he lost five straight games, at least partly due to a back sprain. At 26, he is 15 strikeouts short of his first 1000.

When he is 42, Clemens, like Nolan Ryan at that age, also could be on the verge of 5,000 K's. The Red Sox had hoped for 15 wins from an injury-free Oil Can Boyd last year. Neither happened. He won nine. The Boyd of 1986, a 16-game winner with no shoulder problem, might make Boston fans forget Hurst.

If new Manager Dallas Green can keep Owner Steinbrenner at arm's length, New York will be a force to contend with. The Yankees are overdue. They have won only five pennants in the last quarter of a century—of their total of 33.

Here is a club with talent galore: the hitters—Don Mattingly, Dave Winfield and Rickey Henderson; and the pitchers—John Candelaria, Richard Dotson, Dave LaPoint and the stopper, Dave Righetti. The interaction between Green, known for being his own man, and Steinbrenner will be one of the season's fascinating developments.

If Manager Jimmy Williams could just get some of that Blue Jays talent as piqued at opponents as they were at him at times last season, O Canada might finally fly a champion-

Paul Molitor wants to repeat season of '82.



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ship flag. It's the same club, basically, that finished two games out of first place in both 1987 and 1988. Possibly, just possibly, it may fulfill its promise. Nobody would be surprised.

George Bell, MVP in the league in 1987, hit three home runs in the opening game of 1988. He hit only 21 in the next 161. His batting average dropped 39 points from the previous season. Only Chili Davis of California made more errors in the outfield. Oddly, Bell was credited with one more game-winning hit than the year before.

The very fact that Toronto officials did not participate in off-season dealing, as of early 1989, is enough to convince one that they think their veterans have it in them to win a pennant at last.

Dave Stieb, Jimmy Key and stopper Tom Henke head up Blue Jays pitching that was fifth-best in the league in 1988. Outfielders Bell, Lloyd Moseby and Jesse Barfield tumbled: from 101 home runs in 1987 to 52 last season, from 314 RBI to 195, from a combined .285 to .252.

Sparky Anderson would deserve manager of the century if Detroit makes a run on the division title and ends up one game out, which is what happened last year.

Pete O'Brien, Cleveland's new first baseman obtained from Texas in a trade that cost the Indians second baseman Julio Franco, adds power, but forget the miracles.

Baltimore's fortunes could hardly take a turn for the worse. Still, those who see them taking a turn for the better are in the minority.

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Brewers Foment Pennant Hopes With Still Hearty Yount

by Tom Haudricourt
Milwaukee Sentinel

To certain members of long standing in the Milwaukee Brewers' organization, Robin Yount is still known as The Kid.

That nickname, now a misnomer, is a holdover from his 1974 rookie season. With only a half season of minor league experience, the curly haired, baby-faced Yount became Milwaukee's starting shortstop at age 18.

The succeeding 15 years produced a complete metamorphosis—for both Yount and the club. The Brewers survived the trying years of their infancy to make it to the World Series, suffered a dramatic collapse and have risen to contender status again.

Yount matured from a flashy but erratic shortstop who made an American League-high 44 errors in 1975 to become the AL MVP during Milwaukee's pennant-winning season of 1982. He then endured a series of career-threatening injuries that forced him from his beloved position, before he emerged as one of the top center fielders in the game.

"He has made adjustments," says Brewers coach Tony Muser. "You have to win in this game. He's a winner—that's all there is to it. If I had to pick a squad to go to Vietnam and get out 100 POWs, he'd be on it. He's an intense competitor."

It is that loyalty to the game, to winning and to the Brewers that has kept Yount going. Hardly a graybeard at 33, he remains one of the cornerstones around which the Brewers have rebuilt themselves into serious contenders in the rugged AL East.

"What can you say, he's been so consistent," says Jim Gantner, a teammate of Yount's for 12 years. "He's been doing it for so long that some people take him for granted. But we certainly don't."

Yount's quiet, businesslike approach has kept him out of the limelight for much of his career. Playing in the blue-collar atmosphere of Milwaukee has been a perfect fit for Yount, who doesn't have to contend with media hordes that keep players such as Dave Winfield constantly on guard.

But Yount's preference for privacy took a backseat in 1982 when he put together the monster season of all time for shortstops: a .331 batting average, 29 home runs, 114 RBI and league highs in hits (210) and doubles (46).

Yount, whose fluid grace and strong arm made him a natural at shortstop, became the new prototype for the position. No longer would teams be happy to slide by with slick fielders who have to look up to see .200 batting averages.

Yount's days as a shortstop were numbered, however. Before the end of the '84 season, his right shoulder began to unravel under the strain of all those years of long, off-balance throws from the hole.

He underwent surgery that winter but the problems persisted. He struggled through the '85 season, then had a second operation on the shoulder.

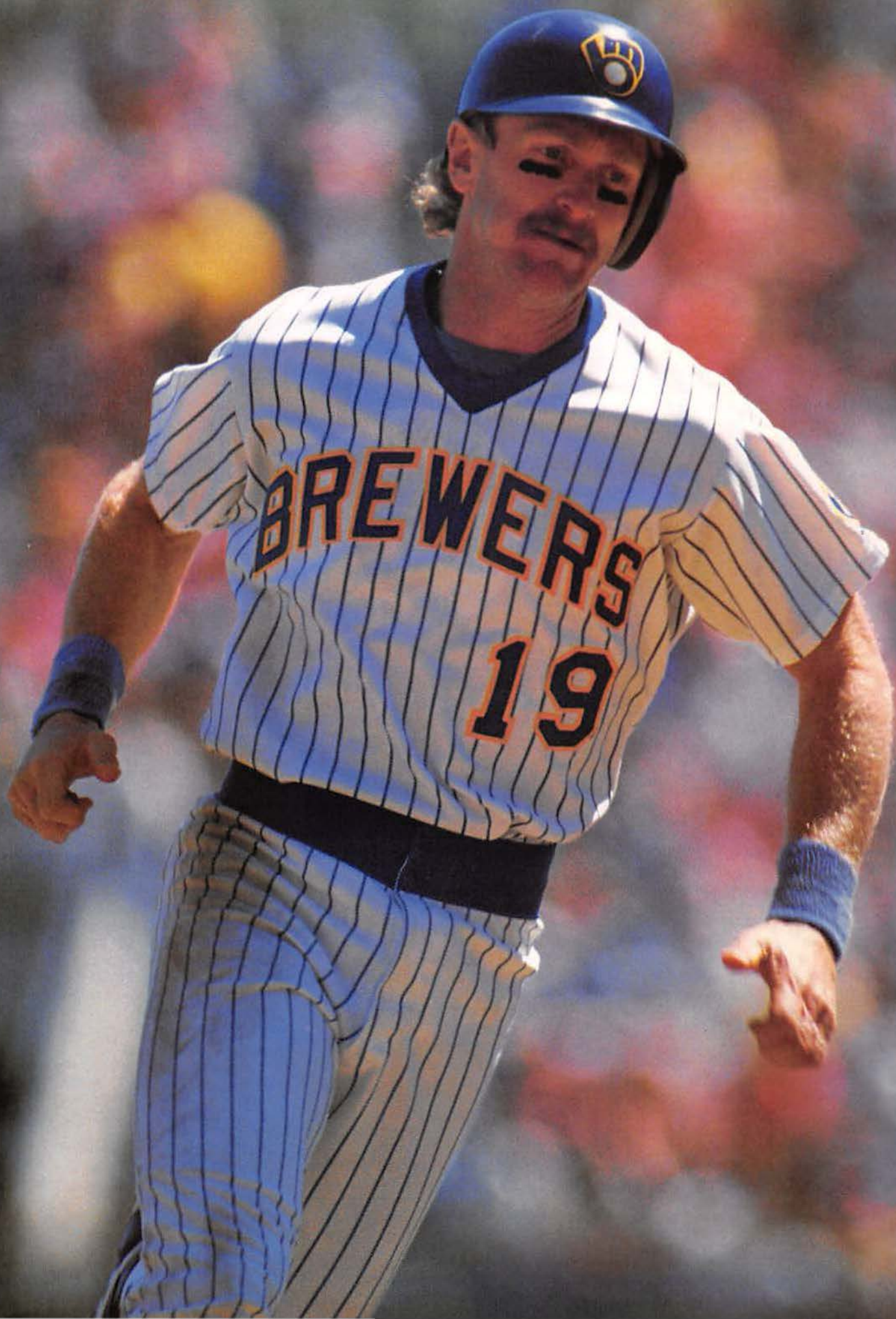
That year had been a soul-tester for Yount. His productivity fell off (.277, 15 HR, 68 RBI), he was shifted to the outfield to protect his fragile shoulder and the aging Brewers stumbled to their second straight 90-loss season.

Yount long has given top billing to good health and winning as his chief motivating factors for staying in the game, prompting many to wonder if he would call it a career. He had other thoughts, however.

"I never really felt I was through," says Yount. "There were some frustrating times when I couldn't do what I thought I was capable of doing, but it never really crossed my mind that my career might be over."

Yount bounced back with a .312 average in 1986, although his shoulder ailments sapped much of his power (nine HR, 46 RBI). His strength began to return that winter when he finally was able to resume an off-season weight program.

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Healthy again in 1987, Yount provided a flashback of his past offensive exploits. He batted .312 with 21 home runs and 103 RBI, the best power figures since his MVP season.

Yount's accomplishments went unnoticed by many, however. They were overshadowed by Milwaukee's record 13-0 start, teammate Paul Molitor's 39-game hitting streak and the club's surprising 91-71 finish.

But his remarkable season—Yount also scored 99 runs and stole 19 bases—did not escape the attention of teammates and club officials. Sly smiles revealed their knowledge that Yount had become a whole player again.

"I would have liked to see him continue at short, but with the arm problems, he couldn't do it," says Oakland coach Rene Lachemann, who managed the Brewers in 1984. "But he made himself into a good outfielder.

leaguers who didn't miss a game the entire season.

"I don't really set goals, but I get a lot of satisfaction out of being able to go out and play every day," says Yount. "That means more to me than statistics. It's not that easy. There always seems to be a couple of days when something keeps you out. I didn't see why I couldn't do it, though, as long as I stayed away from injuries."

Yount also received immense satisfaction from another phase of the game. With his arm finally back to full strength, he began to cut down runners on the bases—such as Oakland's Stan Javier, who tried to score from second on a single on the next-to-last day of the season.

A fiercely proud player, Yount was frustrated during the seasons that followed his surgeries, when base runners would take

Yount reached the 2,000-hit plateau in 1986, 10 days shy of his 31st birthday. Among those who went on to record 3,000 hits, only Henry Aaron and Ty Cobb got there sooner.

By comparison, only two active American Leaguers have more career hits: Bill Buckner (2,669) and Winfield (2,421). Buckner is six years older than Yount, Winfield four.

Whether Yount stays in the game long enough to reach 3,000 hits—a guaranteed ticket to the Hall of Fame—is open to question. Personal landmarks are not the reason he plays baseball.

Says Gantner: "If he had 99 RBI and there was a guy on second base with no outs in his last at-bat of the season, he would still try to hit it to the right side to get the runner to third base. That's just the way he is. He'll never change."

"I think he's a Hall of Fame player right now," says Muser. "It's just a matter of how long he chooses to play. He likes to play and he likes to win, but he doesn't like the attention. All he wants is the respect of people in baseball, and he's earned it."

"He's a ballplayer's ballplayer. What a great example he is for younger players. All they have to do is watch Robin."

Watching Yount is imperative for the younger Brewers. The introspective veteran is not the rah-rah type. Instead, he goes hard all nine innings—which is the best kind of leadership over a long season.

"There are times I'll say something to another player, but not often," says Yount. "Everybody has his own personality. I don't know if it's the best way, but it's best for me."

How much longer will he play? No one is certain, not even Yount.

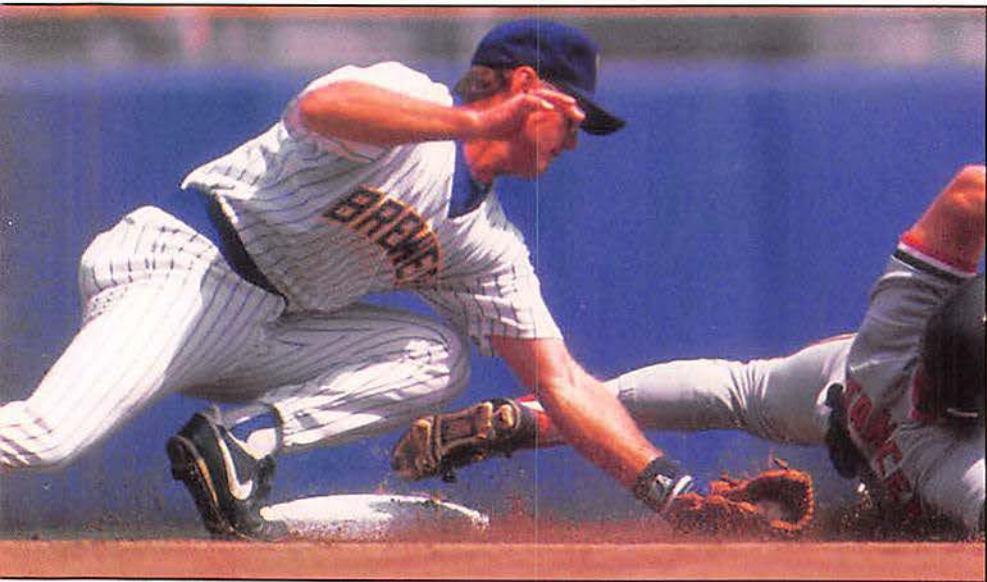
"I don't even think about that," says Yount, whose current contract expires after the season. "I realize there are no guarantees in this game, or in life in general. I've always lived life one day at a time. That's the way I approach the game, too. I just worry about tonight's game. I'll wait until tomorrow to worry about that game."

"I don't have a timetable for how long I'll play. And I don't play to put my name on lists. I play because I like the competition. That's what keeps me going. If I ever go out there and go through the motions just to pick up a paycheck, that's when I'm through. But it will never reach that point for me. I'm enjoying it now, so I'm going to keep doing it."

Those close to Yount know that he'll walk away from the game when he feels the time has come. And, with outside interests such as golf and auto racing to occupy his time, he won't look back.

But that time hasn't arrived, and Yount looks forward to the '89 season—and the prospect of a return to the World Series.

"I don't see why we shouldn't have a good team," he says. "We have a good mix, and



Playing for the Brewers in his home state brings out the best in second baseman Jim Gantner.

"He gives 100 percent of 100 percent every time he goes on the field. He runs out every ball. A lot of guys say they give 100 percent, but they really only have 65 percent to give."

While many teammates suffered fall-offs in production, Yount enjoyed another solid campaign. He batted .306, hit 13 home runs, drove in a team-high 91 runs, scored 92 times and stole a career-high 22 bases.

What made the season even more enjoyable for him was the Brewers' late surge. As many as 11½ games back in late August, Milwaukee charged hard to finish two games behind Boston, becoming the last team eliminated on the final weekend.

On a team loaded with young, up-and-coming players, it was Yount who provided the ultimate example for hanging tough until the end. He was one of only four major

liberties on his throwing arm. Going from first to third on a single to center became automatic for Brewers opponents.

"My arm has definitely come around," says Yount. "Runners can't take advantage of me any more. It's not the strongest arm in the league, but I can at least throw out some runners now—or make them think that I can. For two years, they ran on me, and I couldn't do anything about it. You don't feel like you're helping the ballclub. Defense is a big part of the game."

"I don't know if the arm will ever be the same as it was. I'm throwing different distances now. I can't compare it to the way I threw at shortstop, but it feels fine."

Due to Yount's durability and consistency over the years, he has put himself in position to join elite company. At a relatively early age, he has collected 2,407 hits.

some of our young players have gained experience and played in some important games in a pennant race.

"I see myself doing what I did last season—going out and playing every day, setting an example by playing as well and as often and as hard as I can."

If other Brewers manage to stay as healthy in 1989 as Yount did in '88, it should be an exciting summer in Milwaukee.

Outfielder Glenn Braggs (.261) was one of the league RBI leaders before a nerve impingement in his right shoulder shelved him in late June. Braggs underwent major surgery and his status remains cloudy.

Braggs, if healthy, will return to right field. Rob Deer, who batted a career-high .252 with 23 homers and 85 RBI, will be back in left. Left fielder Jeffrey Leonard went to Seattle via free agency.

First baseman Greg Brock missed seven weeks with a rib-cage injury and never regained his stroke. He fell off from .299 with 85 RBI in 1987 to .212 with 50 RBI. The Brewers anticipate a rebound performance.

Shortstop Dale Sveum missed the final month after breaking his leg. He finished with nine homers and 51 RBI, down considerably from his 25 HR and 95 RBI in '87.

Should Sveum's health become a question, the Brewers have their top prospect, Gary Sheffield, ready. He batted only .238 in 24 games but showed flashes of power (four HR, 12 RBI) and made several dazzling plays at short.

"Sheffield played well enough to prove he belongs up here," says Manager Tom Trebelhorn. "But Dale is the shortstop unless he's unable to play."

Which leaves Trebelhorn with the pleasant problem of deciding where he should play Sheffield, Molitor and Gantner—all infielders who are proficient at two or more positions. Gus Polidor (.148), acquired from California for catcher Bill Schroeder, plays third base and shortstop.

Molitor is coming off another fine year (.312, 115 runs, 41 stolen bases). He even managed to stay healthy for a change.

Gantner, the elder statesman at 35, had a solid season with a .276 average and made only 11 errors in 155 games.

The Brewers are counting on a return to form of young catcher B.J. Surhoff, who fell off from his .299 rookie season to .245 with only 38 RBI.

The Brewers think they've finally solved their DH dilemma. Forced to sit out much of the early part of last season while a tender Molitor was the DH, massive rookie Joey Meyer (6-3, 265) became an offensive contributor with a .263 average, 11 homers and 45 RBI in only 327 at-bats.

The Brewers were second in the AL with a 3.45 ERA as several unproven pitchers



Ted Higuera aims for 20 wins, which fires up the pennant-thirsty Brewers.

stepped forward to make key contributions.

Left-hander Ted Higuera remains the staff ace. Higuera's 16-9 record doesn't reveal how well he pitched last year. His 2.45 ERA and 192 strikeouts do.

"He pitched well enough to win 20 games," says Trebelhorn. "He battled some early health problems (back spasms, shoulder

tendinitis) to have a fine year. I don't know if Teddy can pitch any better, but he can certainly win more if we score some runs for him (the Brewers scored 11 runs in Higuera's nine losses)."

What the Brewers couldn't anticipate was the emergence of rookie right-hander Don August. Called up in early June, the breaking-ball specialist went 13-7 with a 3.09 ERA to firmly entrench himself in the rotation.

After a month on the bench and another in the minors, right-hander Mike Birkbeck (10-8, 4.72) also found his niche. And right-hander Bill Wegman (13-13, 4.12) returns.

Milwaukee still has high hopes for lefty Juan Nieves (7-5, 4.08), who had a roller-coaster season due to shoulder problems. Chris Bosio, who pitched better than his 7-15 record (3.36 ERA) indicates, showed his versatility by converting six late-season save opportunities.

Lefty Dan Plesac proved he is one of the game's top stoppers with 30 saves, a substantial figure considering that he missed five of the last six weeks with shoulder tendinitis.

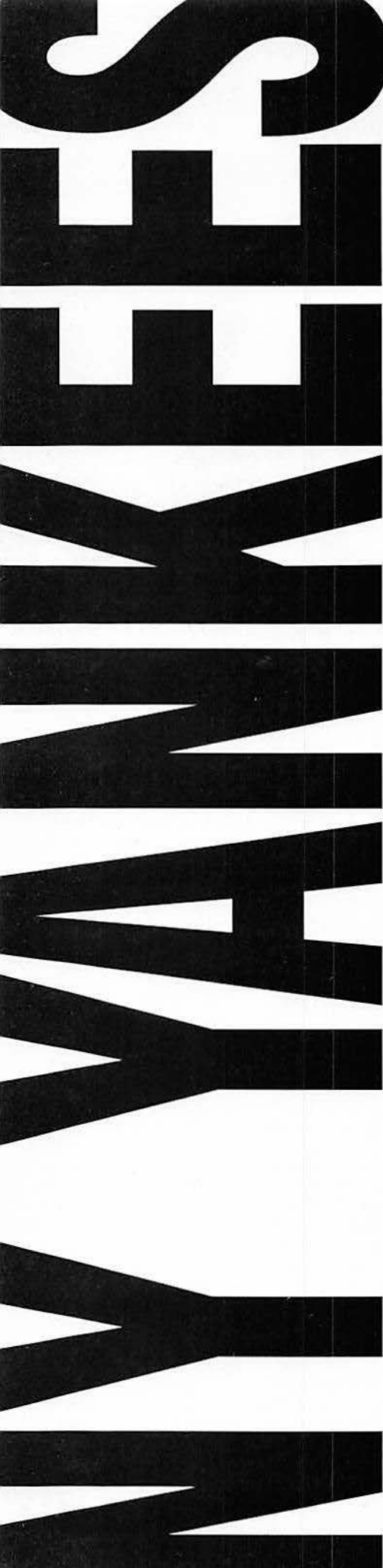
Right-hander Chuck Crim, who can be a set-up man or closer, was 7-6 with nine saves and a 2.91 ERA, allowing only 18 of 68 inherited runners to score.

Veterans Paul Mirabella (career-best 1.65 ERA), Odell Jones, Tom Filer and Mark Knudson give Milwaukee plenty of candidates to fill out the staff.

Despite the filtering in of young, talented players in recent seasons, the heart of the club remains the triumvirate of Yount, Molitor and Gantner. But they are in the autumn of their careers, and the Brewers need to make their move soon.

Molitor had a fine year, looks for another.





Yankees Green with Envy For Pennant, Especially Winfield

by Tom Pedulla
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Dave Winfield's playing career has brought glittering success, but satisfaction has been harder to come by for the New York Yankees' 12-time All-Star.

Satisfaction means winning it all—the World Series. Winfield has never done that. Satisfaction means being fully recognized for his substantial accomplishments at the plate and in the field.

But Winfield's 357 career home runs and 1,438 RBI entering this season bring no cheers from Yankees Owner George Steinbrenner, who once dubbed his 6-6 slugger "Mr. May," alleging that he doesn't produce late in the summer.

The owner, who has been at odds with Winfield almost from the start, also had something to do with another name given to Winfield — the "\$23-million man." That stems from the 10-year contract Winfield signed as a free agent in 1980 to leave San Diego and become part of the Yankees' proud tradition.

The enormous contract has been as much a curse as a blessing for Winfield. "We know about the business of baseball," Winfield says. "It's not always nice, it's not always pretty. I could lead the way talking about that."

Not only has Winfield talked about it, he's written about it. The repercussions from *Winfield, A Player's Life* were felt in sporadic trade talks last fall, even though the autobiography was published before last season.

Winfield fails to understand what Steinbrenner's gripe is with him.

The powerfully built Winfield is one of the game's dominant players. He has hit 20 or more home runs and knocked in more than 100 runs in six of his seven full seasons with the Yankees. He surpassed the 100 mark in RBI for five consecutive years, from 1982-86, the longest such streak by a Yankee since Joe DiMaggio did it for seven successive seasons, 1936-42. Right fielder Winfield has won five Gold Gloves as a Yankee and hit .291.

But his employer has maintained that Winfield is "not a winner." Steinbrenner seems to hold one of the game's premier players responsible for the club's inability to win the American League East since strike-marred 1981.

The 1981 postseason—Winfield's first foray into the national spotlight after eight seasons in obscurity in San Diego—did much to damage his standing, particularly with Steinbrenner.

Winfield hit just .154 (2-for-13) in New York's three-game League Championship Series romp over Oakland. His untimely slump worsened in the World Series. He produced only a single in 22 at-bats against Los Angeles and was the goat as the Dodgers defeated the Yankees four games to two. To make matters worse, Winfield asked for the ball after his lone hit. An infuriated Steinbrenner apologized to New York City for the club's World Series failure.

Winfield has never gotten the chance to redeem himself in postseason play. Steinbrenner has maintained through the years that "Mr. May" is a selfish player whose numbers mean little because he does not deliver in the clutch.

Says Winfield: "It's interesting to me to see them take such a vehement stance against someone who gets along so well with his teammates and makes such a big contribution. I'm amused and appalled at the way I'm being treated."

Winfield does make a big contribution. The numbers—he is tied with Roger Maris for seventh place on the Yankees' home run list with 203 and ranks 11th with 812 RBI—do not lie.

Winfield's performance with runners in scoring position refutes the charge that he does not deliver in the clutch. He hit .351 with runners in scoring position in 1987. He topped the Yankees by batting .347 during such opportunities last year.

It typifies Winfield's career with the Yankees that last season, while one of his greatest statistically, also was his most nightmarish off the field. The trouble

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Don Mattingly, after a so-so season, needs to move ahead in his career.

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started in spring training with the release of his autobiography.

Steinbrenner summoned reporters to his trailer at the club's Fort Lauderdale, Fla., spring training complex to blast the book and question Winfield's integrity in general.

"What's happening here, I think, is we're beginning to see the unraveling of what's been a carefully plotted PR (public relations) campaign over the years concerning Dave and the (David M.) Winfield Foundation," Steinbrenner said in a mysterious reference to the foundation Winfield started to advance his charitable work.

Steinbrenner claimed the book was "divisive" and was hurting the team. To the fans' dismay, the Yankees opened trade talks for Winfield, although he maintains he can block any deal as a 10-and-5 man. (Veterans with 10 years in the major leagues and at least five with the same team have the right to veto a trade as part of the players' contract with management.)

"Hits will stop all that stuff; my play will stop it," Winfield said at the time.

Indeed, he responded with a barrage of hits and one of the most productive seasons of his career. He set an American League record and tied the major league mark previously shared by Ron Cey (1977) and Dale Murphy (1985) by racking up 29 RBI in April. He finished the season with a team-leading 107 RBI to go with 25 home runs and

a .322 batting average that was the second highest of his career.

Just before Winfield made his 12th All-Star Game appearance, Steinbrenner again questioned his commitment to the team and complained that he was spending too much time autographing copies of his book.

Winfield lashed back by saying: "He doesn't belong in the game. People of his caliber don't belong in it."

Winfield's All-Star Game performance also spoke loudly. He extended his own record by doubling for the seventh time in All-Star competition and tied another, joining Mickey Mantle and Joe Morgan as the only players to have seven-game hitting streaks in the midsummer classic. Incidentally, with Steinbrenner's unwitting help, Winfield's autobiography reached *The New York Times* best seller list.

In one respect, Steinbrenner acknowledged Winfield's immense contributions last season by declining an option to buy out the final two years of his contract. At the same time, trade rumblings again were felt. Nothing came of efforts to trade Winfield to Houston, Toronto and Minnesota.

In January, Winfield filed a lawsuit claiming Steinbrenner had failed to honor an agreement to pay \$300,000 annually to the Winfield Foundation and owes it \$450,000. Winfield said he thought Steinbrenner's desire to trade him was the reason for the

default. Steinbrenner said that he had been making payments to an escrow account rather than directly to the foundation. Citing "numerous questionable practices," the Yankees' owner filed a countersuit seeking a court-appointed trustee to head the foundation, which helps needy children and fights drug abuse, and charging that the veteran outfielder had not made the payments that were called for in the contract they signed in December of 1980.

As the egoistic feud heated up during the winter, Winfield said he would consider being traded but wouldn't be run out of town and plans on remaining a Yankee.

When the 37-year-old Winfield reflects on a career that may lead to the Hall of Fame, he dwells on one huge "what if."

What if Steinbrenner had left him alone? "Whatever I do in spite of, I could always do better because of," Winfield says. "I still say people perform better—any employee performs better—when they're supported or get a pat on the back."

"He's just not ever going to say anything good about me. He doesn't like me and I don't like him."

Winfield is confident he can compete into the next decade. "I can still outplay 99 percent of the people in the game," he says, repeating an oft-heard boast.

"A lot of people a lot younger than me can't play. I'm just happy to be the kind of person who has the frame and the determination that I can play a long time."

Winfield is not alone in his troubles with Steinbrenner. Don Mattingly tangled with him last August when he said that members of the Yankees get money but no respect. Trade rumors immediately engulfed Mattingly.

The Gold Glove first baseman wound up with a season far below his lofty standards. His home run total dropped off from 30 in 1987 to 18, his RBI from 115 to 88 and his batting average from .327 to .311.

Mattingly is looking to return to the form that caused his peers to hail him as baseball's best player. He must do so for the Yankees to end their pennant drought in the AL East.

The Yankees also are looking for big numbers from left fielder Rickey Henderson, who can become a free agent after this season. Henderson's stock would be high if he merely repeats last season's efforts, which included a .305 batting average, 118 runs scored, a .394 on-base percentage and a major league-leading 93 stolen bases, six more than his previous club record.

New York wants to re-sign free agent center fielder Claudell Washington (308, 11 home runs, 64 RBI), but if he leaves the team, young Roberto Kelly will get a look.

The Yankees are hoping for better things from Mike Pagliarulo (.216) after an injury-

marred season in which the third baseman's home run production plunged from 32 to 15 and his RBI from 87 to 67.

Another key figure will be newcomer Steve Sax (.277, 57 RBI), lured away from defending world champion Los Angeles as a free agent with a three-year, \$4-million contract. Sax has the unenviable task of replacing Willie Randolph, popular Yankees second baseman for 13 years. Randolph, in turn, went to the Dodgers as a free agent.

The Yankees believe Sax should be an improvement over Randolph offensively and in durability. Sax is six years younger than his predecessor and, hitting behind Henderson, supplies tremendous speed at the top of the lineup. Sax totaled 42 stolen bases in 1988.

The Yankees lose on the exchange defensively. Sax, with 14 errors, committed twice as many as the ever-steady Randolph. And Randolph, working with solid shortstop Rafael Santana (.240, 38 RBI), turned the double play better than anyone.

Ken Phelps (.263-24-54 with Seattle and New York) will continue to DH against right-handed pitchers. With Jack Clark gone to San Diego as a free agent, Gary Ward (.225), Winfield and Henderson will share duties from the other side of the plate.

Sax wasn't the Yankees' only free agent purchase, just the most expensive. Steinbrenner spent another \$6.1 million to rebuild a tattered pitching rotation, giving right-hander Andy Hawkins (14-11, 3.35 with San Diego) a three-year, \$3.6-million contract, while left-hander Dave LaPoint (14-13, 3.25 with the Chicago White Sox and Pittsburgh) got a three-year, \$2.6-million deal.

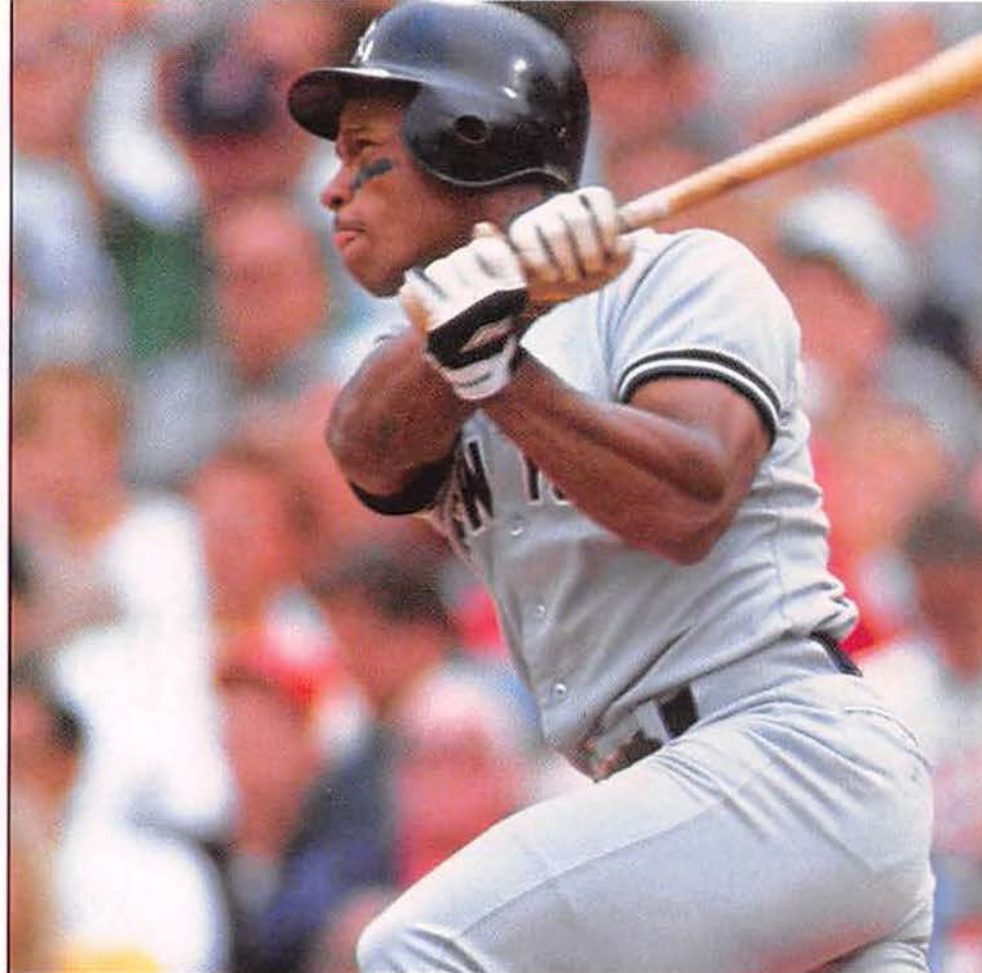
The Yankees obtained two more pitchers when they accommodated Clark's request to be traded to a West Coast team. Clark was sent to San Diego in exchange for reliever Lance McCullers (3-6, 2.49, 10 saves) and starter Jimmy Jones (9-14, 4.12), a couple of 24-year-old right-handers. Switch-hitting outfielder Stan Jefferson also came to New York in the deal.

Last year's staff placed 12th among the 14 American League clubs with a 4.26 ERA and yielded a major league-high 157 home runs.

During a devastating 9-20 August collapse that tied a club record for most defeats in that key month, Yankee starters were 3-17 with a 6.94 ERA. They did not provide a victory from Aug. 14-31, a 16-game drought.

As clear as it was that something had to be done with the pitching, it is less clear how much the newcomers can help. Hawkins, LaPoint and Jones were a combined 37-38 last season.

On the positive side, they should provide needed innings. The Yankees tied for next to last in the AL with 16 complete games. Either Hawkins (217 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings) or LaPoint (a career-high 213 $\frac{1}{3}$) would have led last year's



Rickey Henderson cuts a fine figure whether at the plate or as a base runner.

staff. Jones (179) would have been second to Rick Rhoden's 197 innings.

Rhoden (12-12, 4.29), Richard Dotson (12-9, 5.00) and injury-plagued rookie Al Leiter (4-4, 3.92) all had disappointing seasons. Rhoden was traded to Houston in January for three minor leaguers. The ability of John Candelaria (13-7, 3.38) is obvious. His attitude is a question mark.

Ron Guidry, who had been the last link to the Yankees' World Series winners in 1977-78, was not offered a contract for the '89 season. The 38-year-old left-hander, 2-3, 4.18 last year, was 170-91 as a Yankee.

McCullers is the most intriguing of the new pitchers. With continued development, the Yankees believe he can be their bullpen stopper of the future. For now, McCullers should be a welcome complement to left-hander Dave Righetti.

Righetti, whose 46 saves in 1986 still stand as the major league record, can use the help. His 25 saves last season represented a career low since he moved to the bullpen five seasons ago. He had nine blown save opportunities.

Dale Mohorcic (2-2, 2.78 in 13 appearances after being acquired from Texas), Charles Hudson (6-6, 4.49) and Hipolito Pena (1-1, 3.14) also contribute to a good bullpen.

The Yankees, looking for catching help, signed free agent Jamie Quirk (.240 with

Kansas City) to a one-year contract. Last year's tandem of Don Slaught and Joel Skinner left something to be desired. Slaught hit .283 but threw out only 12 of 72 runners attempting to steal, just 17 percent. Skinner (.227) excels defensively but is lacking offensively.

Of course, the Yankees enter the season with a new manager. Dallas Green represents the 17th managerial change in Steinbrenner's 16 years of ownership.

The twist this time is that Steinbrenner went outside the so-called Yankee family to hire Green, who managed the Philadelphia Phillies to a world championship in 1980 and helped rebuild the Chicago Cubs as their general manager from 1981-87.

Green believes hard work, discipline and team play can bring the Yankees a world championship.

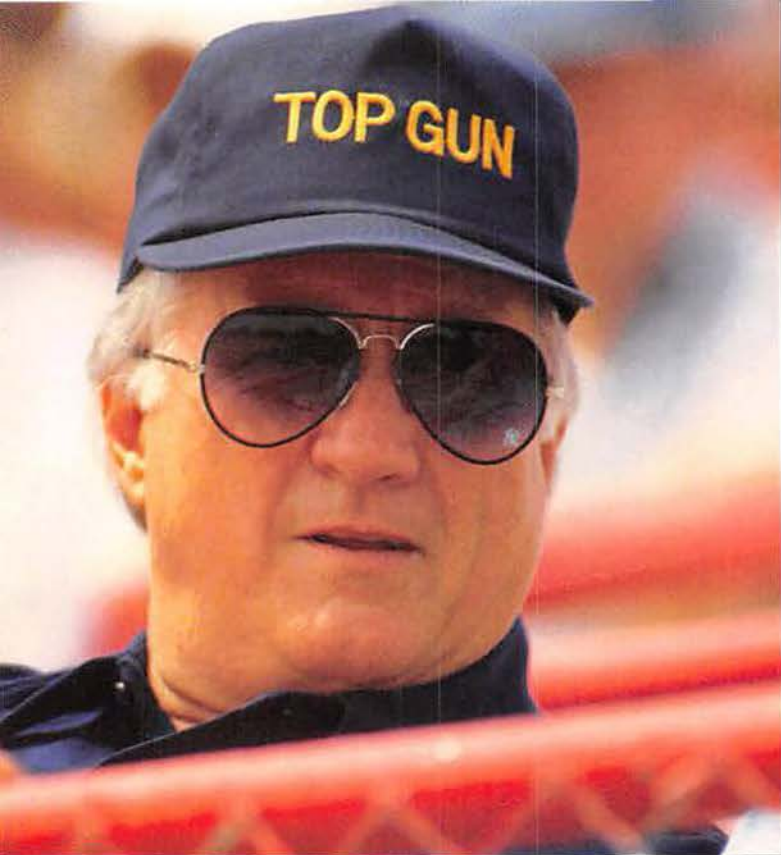
"You're going to get somebody who will work his butt off to accomplish something that hasn't been accomplished since 1978," Green says of the contribution he expects to make.

Green is known for his iron will as much as his work ethic. Steinbrenner is known for making frequent phone calls to his manager.

Says Green blithely: "If it's at night (after a game), I'll listen to it. If it's during a game, I won't listen to it."

Steinbrenner-Green could make Steinbrenner-Winfield look like a lovers' quarrel.

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GEORGE STEINBRENNER

The Boss's Demand Is Simple: Perfection

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George Steinbrenner burst onto the baseball scene in 1973 when, with extremely limited partners, he purchased the New York Yankees from Columbia Broadcasting System.

Steinbrenner, chairman of the American Ship Building Co., plunked down \$10 million and pledged upon taking over the tradition-rich Yankees franchise to be an absentee owner. "I'll stick to building ships," he said.

He didn't, though.

The 16-year reign of Steinbrenner in New York has been marked by tension, turmoil and, true, triumph, although the Yankees have won only one American League pennant in the last decade.

How best to describe George M. Steinbrenner III?

There are probably as many ways as there have been managerial changes under Steinbrenner, and he's made 17 in the last 16 years (Billy Martin has come and gone five times). Steinbrenner is no ordinary man. The whole is so complex that it should be considered in parts. First, the side that most may not know that well.

Steinbrenner is a softy at heart, according to his close friend, Bill Fugazy, head of Fugazy Travel.

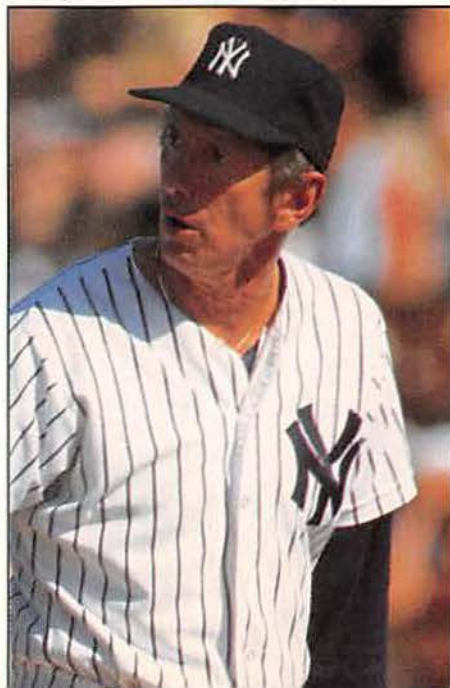
"He's the softest guy as far as helping people," says Fugazy. "He does not want credit for a lot of things he does. There are times when he will say, 'Help that person out and I'll give you the money.' I know kids he sent through school, and nobody knows it."

Why hide such benevolence? "He likes his tough-guy image," Fugazy says. "He doesn't want the press to think he's soft at all."

Barbara Donnelly of Davie, Fla., can attest to the Boss's kindness. She has been confined to a wheelchair since birth by spina bifida, a condition affecting her spine.

Four years ago, Steinbrenner spotted Donnelly sitting in the rain outside the Yankees' Fort Lauderdale, Fla., spring training complex. She was waiting to catch a glimpse of the players.

Billy Martin was hired and fired five times.



Steinbrenner ordered a security guard to allow her inside the stadium grounds to seek cover. "From that point on, I pretty much had free rein," says the 30-year-old Donnelly, who proudly wears a team jacket given to her by Steinbrenner.

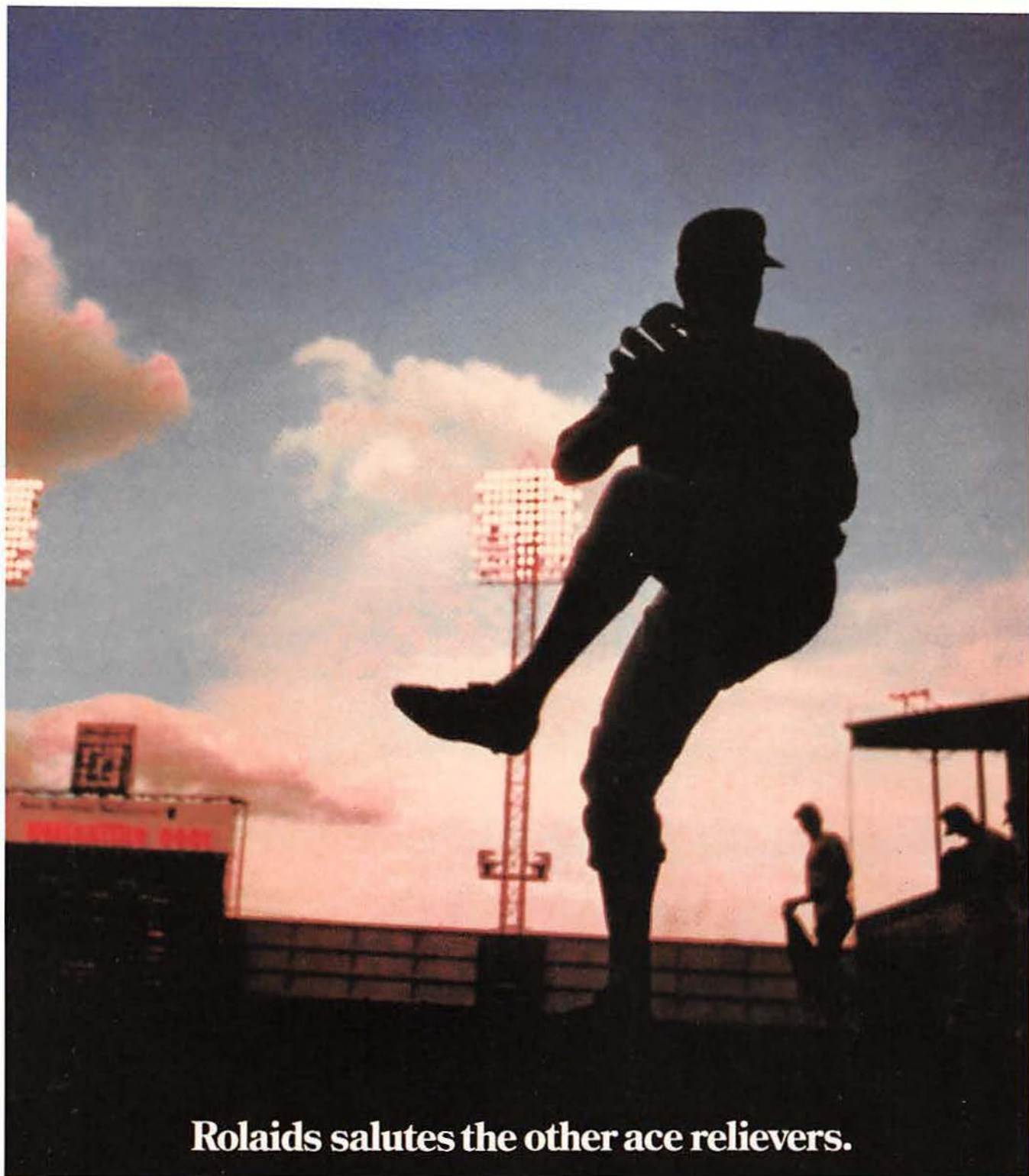
Says Bob Donnelly of the access Steinbrenner quietly granted his daughter, "It means everything."

Steinbrenner founded the Silver Shield Foundation, which raises money for the education of children of New York City police, fire fighters and state troopers who died in the line of duty. The foundation solicits funds from prominent businesspeople and benefits from the income generated by a designated home game each year. Approximately \$1.2 million has been raised since the foundation's inception in 1981.

"I don't know of a charity he doesn't support," says Fugazy. "I've helped him arrange operations for kids. He has former employees with hospital bills, and I can tell you he's paying them right now."

For all of Steinbrenner's actions that are difficult to understand and that occasion most of the negative publicity, he claims many supporters. Besides those won over by his generosity to people and causes, others approve of the demands Steinbrenner makes on his highly paid employees—the Yankees' 1988 payroll, close to \$20 million, was easily the highest in the major leagues. And sportsmen know Steinbrenner because of his interest in thoroughbred breeding and racing.

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He owns an 800-acre stud farm in Florida. But, undeniably, the Boss can be hard on his players.

In the eighth inning of a 10-1 rout of New York by Detroit in August 1982, then-Yankees Vice President Bill Bergesch called the Tiger Stadium press box to read a statement concerning the shelling of losing pitcher Doyle Alexander. The pitcher, a Yankee in 1982, was ordered to return to New York for a physical examination.

"I'm afraid some of our players might get hurt playing defense behind him," Steinbrenner said. "There's got to be something wrong with him."

Alexander, 0-6 with a 6.28 ERA at the time, had little choice but to cooperate. But before leaving the clubhouse, he announced: "I want to say I'm seeing a medical doctor, not a psychiatrist. People have been known to go crazy playing in New York, but I'm not one of them."

Steinbrenner ruffled more than a few of his players' feathers when he apologized to the people of New York City following the Yankees' loss to Los Angeles in the 1981 World Series.

The next season, the Boss showed up his players during a 1-0, 14-2 double-header loss to the visiting Chicago White Sox. He put a message on the scoreboard informing restless fans that they could exchange their tickets for a future game.

Relief ace Goose Gossage, a former Yankee, was enraged by Steinbrenner's sugges-

tion that the players had not given fans their money's worth.

"For George to flash that (bleep) on the board like he did, he just humiliated everybody," Gossage fumed. "Every time he gets a chance to humiliate somebody, he does it."

Steinbrenner has long aimed barbs at outfielder Dave Winfield, a 12-time All-Star. He claims that Winfield, despite consistently strong statistics, is not a clutch player.

In one of his most memorable retorts, Winfield ripped into his employer last summer, saying, "He doesn't belong in the game. People of his caliber don't belong in it."

In January, Winfield filed a suit claiming that Steinbrenner had failed to make agreed-upon payments to the Winfield Foundation. Steinbrenner, who said he had made the payments to an escrow account, filed a countersuit seeking a court-appointed trustee for the foundation. He claimed that Winfield hadn't made required contributions.

Money is no object in Steinbrenner's determination to make the Yankees winners.

He won a bidding war against 22 other teams by signing eventual Hall of Fame pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter to an unprecedented five-year, \$3.35-million contract on New Year's Eve 1974. Gossage, a golden Goose if ever there was one, became the main man in the bullpen in 1978 with a six-year, \$2.748-million deal. Winfield became known as the \$23-million man for the 10-year contract he signed as a free agent in 1980.

Steinbrenner's largesse has often amounted to unwise spending in baseball. He paid \$2.395 million to players who did not play in 1988, the third-highest total among the 26 major league clubs, according to the Player Relations Committee.

Steinbrenner lavished a two-year, \$3-million contract on free agent Jack Clark before the 1988 season. Midway through his first year in pinstripes, the slugger decided the unpleasant atmosphere surrounding the club wasn't worth the whopping paycheck.

Clark wanted out. "I don't get the feeling that it's fun to come to the ballpark," he said. "That's a feeling money can't buy." He was traded to San Diego in the off-season.

"Mr. Steinbrenner wants you to do it now," says Dave Righetti. "There's no doing it later. That's the way it is." After his Rookie-of-the-Year season in 1981, the pitcher learned first-hand of the Boss's what-have-you-done-for-me-lately philosophy. After a poor outing against Cleveland left him 5-5 with a 4.23 ERA, Righetti was sent down to triple A.

"I've been through a lot of crap since I've been here," a stunned Righetti told reporters.

That was seven years ago. Nothing has changed. Steinbrenner's impatience is particularly noticeable with young players. Right-hander Jim Beattie was ordered to return to the minors after the owner decided the youngster "looked scared stiff" in a game at Boston. One phrase dismissed the major league dream of Tucker Ashford. "We've seen enough of Tucker Ashford," the Boss declared after the third baseman made two errors during a spring training game in 1982.

Because of the patience required through a 162-game season, snap judgments can be detrimental. Slumps are to be expected, just as hot streaks are to be enjoyed. Steinbrenner, a former assistant football coach at Northwestern and Purdue, is not one to wait patiently until the end, confident that the cream always rises to the top.

"He wants everything in a keyed-up state for 162 games," says Moss Klein, who has covered the Yankees for the Newark *Star-Ledger* since 1976. "Baseball doesn't work that way."

Says Don Baylor, a designated hitter who was with the Yankees from 1983-85: "It's pressure every single day to perform without making mistakes, making errors, striking out. Players realize they're human beings, but George thinks they're machines who shouldn't make mistakes."

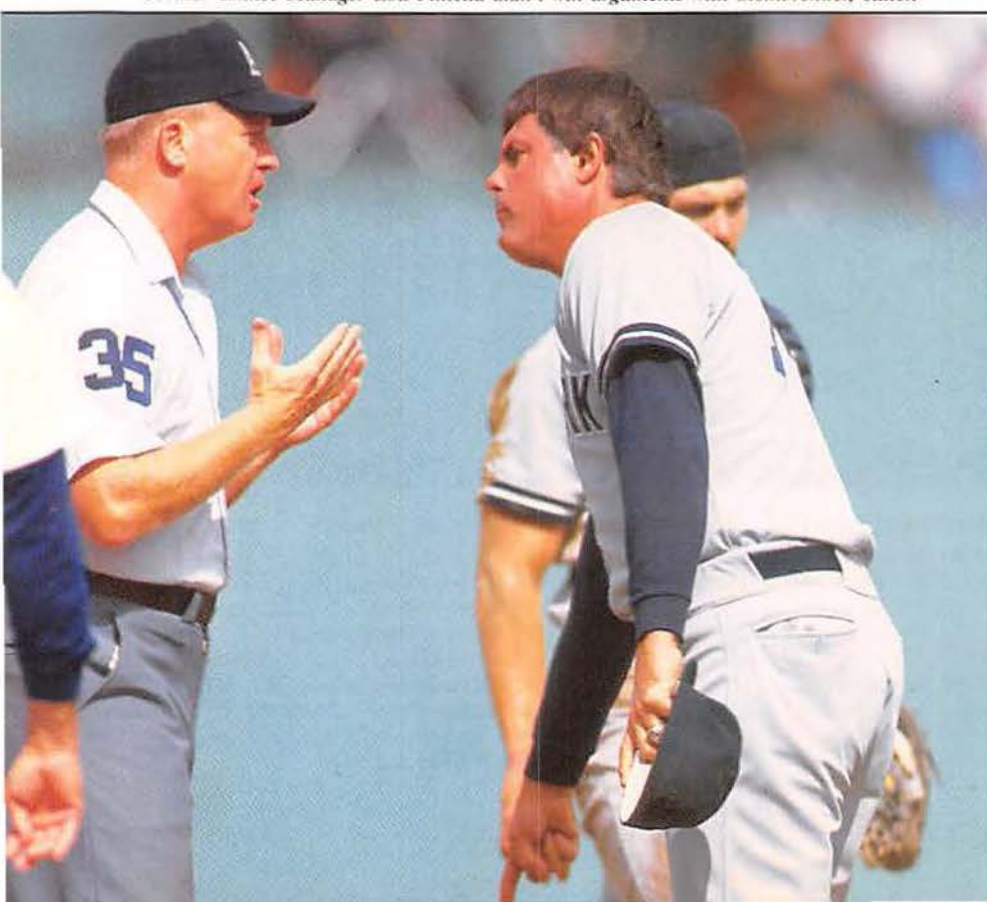
Steinbrenner was impatience itself in 1985. After two lopsided defeats by Boston at Fenway Park, he labeled only the third game of that 162-game season "crucial."

There is convincing evidence that the owner is his own manager, at least part of the time.

"I think at other places you get a chance

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Former Yankee Manager Lou Piniella didn't win arguments with Steinbrenner, either.





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to run the clubhouse the way you see fit," says Lou Piniella, whose second stint as Yankees manager ended when he was replaced by Dallas Green, former Philadelphia manager and Chicago Cubs general manager, after last season. "You're the boss down there. In New York, that isn't always true."

The Boss is definitely the boss. He is fond of wearing a cap that reads "Top Gun." And he is fond of saying, "In the end, I'll win. I always do."

Steinbrenner frequently gets his way with lineups and personnel decisions. When a slumping Winfield was benched in 1986, he claimed the manager was not responsible for the lineup change. Piniella did not deny the charge.

When shortstop Bobby Meacham was shipped out to Class AA Nashville as punishment for making a decisive error in an early season loss to Texas in 1984, then-Manager Yogi Berra could do nothing but shrug and say, "It's not my doing."

Says Klein: "Every Steinbrenner manager could be a better manager with other teams. He's just relentless with them. A lot of managers wind up managing in self-defense. They do what is most easily explained to Steinbrenner."

When the Boss was poised to fire Gene Michael as manager in 1981 and bring him into the front office, Steinbrenner reportedly asked him, "Why do you want to be second-guessed? Come sit upstairs with the second-guesser."

Steinbrenner has even undermined his managers. During a spat with Piniella in 1987, he issued a two-page statement in which he revealed that the manager wanted Rickey Henderson traded because he believed Henderson was faking it with an injury, and that Piniella had referred to disappointing catcher Mark Salas as a bum.

The statement was released Aug. 8, a day that ended with the Yankees sporting a 66-45 record and leading the AL East by one-half game. Some of the players obtained a copy of the statement, gathered in the trainer's room to read it aloud, then burned it.

The ill-advised words went up in smoke and so did the Yankees' season. They went 23-28 the rest of the way and plunged to fourth place, nine games behind victorious Detroit.

Steinbrenner is notorious for issuing rambling, sometimes outrageous statements. A case in point was his pen-to-pen duel with then-AL President Lee MacPhail.

Steinbrenner became upset with the umpiring during the New York-Oakland game on May 27, 1983. He claimed the home plate umpire missed "two perfect strikes" on Henderson, then leadoff hitter for the A's, and questioned why catcher Mike Heath had not been ejected after grappling with Winfield.

Steinbrenner issued a statement during the early innings that read: "I watched the first inning of Friday night's game, and the umpiring was a disgrace. Umpires Derryl Cousins and John Shulock, who are the two umpires who worked during the strike and whom other umpires refuse to talk to, have both been put on the same umpiring team, and it has resulted in a very poor team."

Steinbrenner said he called MacPhail twice to complain, and that MacPhail, who also was watching on television, "could not understand why Mike Heath was allowed to stay in the game."

MacPhail swiftly countered with a release of his own. He denied questioning the Heath ruling and said, "Mr. Steinbrenner's intemperate blast is completely unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action against him."

Steinbrenner, never one to suffer from writer's block, produced a second dispatch.

"My remarks were in no way intemperate," he said. "I will not have my people nor myself gagged from making what I believe is a factual statement."

MacPhail had the final word, though. In announcing disciplinary action, he said, "There is concern and dissatisfaction on the part of the league that the game on the field should constantly have to be cumbered with the machinations and publicity pronouncements of the owner."

Steinbrenner was not permitted to attend games or be in his Yankee Stadium office for a week, the first suspension of an owner by a league.

While New Yorkers continue to flock to The House That Ruth Built in support of a franchise with a history prouder than any other in any sport—22 world championships, 33 American League pennants—there is wide-

spread disapproval of Steinbrenner as caretaker of that tradition.

Longtime fans don't like it that legendary Yankee catcher Berra, assured of a full season as manager in 1985, was gone after only 16 games.

They are upset that the affable Berra has disassociated himself from the team. They hear the words of first baseman Don Mattingly, who complained last summer, "You get no respect. You get money and that's it." They then watch Mattingly, one of the game's great players, become the subject of unsettling trade talk. They see Willie Randolph, a captain and a loyal Yankee for 13 years, in effect cut loose from the team last Thanksgiving Eve with the signing of Steve Sax.

One aspect of Steinbrenner has yet to be mentioned: George the Winner.

For all his unpredictable behavior and unpopular decisions, it must be acknowledged that he has pumped new life into the Yankees and made them winners again after the lackluster CBS years.

Thanks to Steinbrenner's determination to win and the millions he has given free agents, the Yankees produced five division titles in six years from 1976-81. Their world championship in 1977 was their first since 1962. They repeated in 1978, the last team to do so. They lost to the Dodgers in 1981.

Since the Boss arrived, the Yankees boast the best record in the major leagues at 1,418-1,111. Their record of 780-621 in this decade also is unmatched.

But Steinbrenner's critics have come down especially hard, because the team, despite impressive records and constant status as a contender, has failed to win a division title since 1981.

"Once I was away from there," says Baylor, "I'd hear people in the game say, 'Wait 'til George does something to screw up the team, and they'll lose nine out of 10.' His desire to win is like a lot of players' desire to win. But the approach he takes of hammering on guys to make them better—I've seen guys go the other way. Instead of running through a wall, they'll wait and get the ball off the fence."

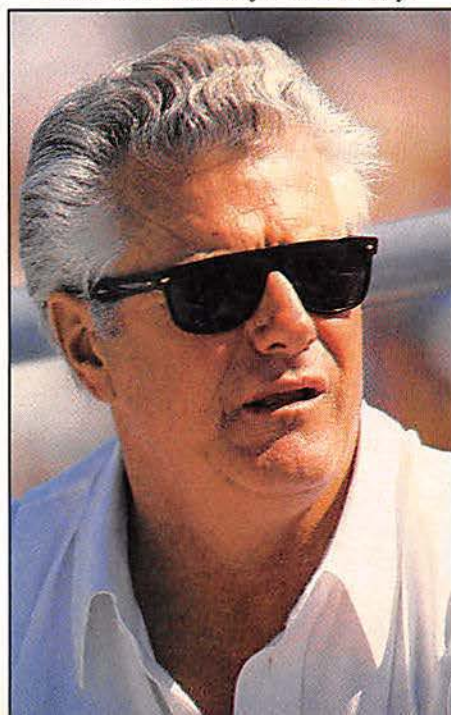
The Yankees' fifth-place finish last season was their lowest since 1982, although they were only three and a half games behind Boston, the division champion, and led for several weeks. In 1984 they were third but 17 games out of first. Last October, Steinbrenner went outside the so-called Yankee family and hired the strong-willed, highly respected Green.

Steinbrenner again vowed not to meddle with the field operation.

Yankees fans are skeptical. They remember his words of 16 years ago. They wish this baffling, sometimes exasperating owner would indeed "stick to building ships."

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McGriff Has the Power To Settle Down Noisy Blue Jays

by Bob Elliott
The Toronto Sun

The picture on the ad is imposing, as imposing as a towering, into-the-next-area-code home run by Toronto first baseman Fred McGriff.

With the biceps of a blacksmith, shoulders of a weight lifter and waist of a cornerback, McGriff stands in his Blue Jays uniform against a Yellow Cab. His arms are folded and his feet are spread at batting-stance distance.

Above him is printed: BACK TO BACK HOMERS!

The ad appeared in Toronto bus shelters, subways and streetcars late last season. The cab company wasn't after new business; rather, Major League Baseball and the Blue Jays were doing their part against drinking and driving.

While this bit of off-field activity may not have equaled being a pitchman for McDonald's, Canadian Tire or Honda, the fact that McGriff, an American mercenary in Canada, received a money-making endorsement is noteworthy. Not everyone does. Andre Dawson played 10 years in Montreal and earned one endorsement, a two-year advertisement deal from a Japanese manufacturer of children's shoes.

They dropped Dawson after a year. He had to go to court to settle.

If McGriff looks imposing in the picture, think how impressive he looks sending a baseball over the fence. His 34 home runs were second only to Jose Canseco in the American League and third in the majors. Not bad for McGriff's first year as an everyday player. Batting .282 with 82 RBI, he was the brightest spot for the Blue Jays last year.

They hope McGriff will continue to shine this year in what should be a calmer season in Toronto.

Last year, reigning MVP George Bell asked who would last longer with the Jays—Manager Jimmy Williams or himself—before he reported to spring training. Management told Bell he would be the designated hitter. Sil Campusano was sent to center field with Lloyd Moseby moving to left.

Well, it took only nine regular-season games away from the blinding Florida sun to cool off that not-so-grand experiment.

Bell was reinstalled as the everyday left fielder, Moseby returned to center, Tony Fernandez went from the No. 3 spot to leadoff, and leadoff man Nelson Liriano was dropped to ninth.

The stormy year included television and newspaper polls asking if Williams should be replaced; a dugout outburst between Williams and Bell; a pitcher's mound scowl-down between Dave Stieb and Williams; a screaming match involving Moseby and Williams; Jesse Barfield asking to be traded. On and on it went.

After Toronto's heartbreaking loss to Detroit on the final day of the 1987 season, many wondered if the Blue Jays could handle the leftover demons in '88. Unfortunately, new problems arose last year.

Through it all, the calm in the eye of the hurricane was McGriff. He took over for Willie Upshaw, whose contract was sold to the Indians during spring training. Upshaw, an eight-year veteran, had succeeded John Mayberry in much the same way.

A wrist injury had drained Upshaw of much of his power; McGriff sapped Upshaw of his position. "There is going to come a day when someone is going to come along and replace me," says McGriff, whose '88 home run total surpassed Mayberry's single-season record for Toronto left-handed batters.

McGriff didn't have the sure hands or the range of Upshaw at first base. In fact, McGriff struggled early, chasing down balls the second baseman had a play on and not going after balls headed toward the hole. Sometimes during the same inning.

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The saving grace of the Blue Jays' bullpen is Tom Henke.

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Eventually the glove settled down.

The bat was never a problem.

McGriff hit the '88 All-Star break with 15 homers, 38 RBI, a .280 average and one vote from a rival GM as the All-Star first baseman.

"I know all about Don Mattingly, George Brett, Kent Hrbek, Alvin Davis and Pete O'Brien," said White Sox boss Larry Himes at the time. "They are all having their usual years, but my choice is McGriff. I like what he is doing. He broke up a platoon situation,

he's hitting for power, he's hitting in the clutch and right now he might be the best defensive first baseman in the league."

McGriff was not your run-of-the-mill slugger. You know the type: hit it out and watch or swing and miss. McGriff's 79 walks set a club record for left-handers.

There are other impressive McGriff numbers. In addition to being second in the AL in home runs, he:

- Was second to Canseco in slugging percentage, .552.

- Had the second-most extra-base hits, 73, three fewer than Canseco.
- Tied for sixth (with Dave Henderson) in runs scored, 100.
- Tied for sixth (with Dave Winfield) in total bases, 296.
- Had the highest fielding percentage among AL first basemen, .997, five errors in 1,442 total chances.

Yet McGriff, a native of Tampa, Fla., is not exactly a household name outside of Toronto.

"I'm not big news in my hometown," he says. "In Tampa we have Wade Boggs, Doc Gooden and Floyd Youmans."

Thinking back, the 6-3 McGriff was happy to move from being a 5-8 spectator to having a spot on his high school team.

When he wasn't hanging around Al Lopez Field watching the Reds during spring workouts and asking for bats, McGriff was playing ball. Not well, to start with.

He tried out in 10th grade and didn't make the cut. He was small, weak and wore glasses.

Says his father, Earl McGriff, a TV repairman, "Fred was like a young Sugar Ray Robinson starting high school, but he was still way too small."

After two years of working out with catcher Al Pardo at a gym partially owned by former Montreal Expo John "Here today, gone" Tamarago, McGriff became long, tall Freddie.

At age 16, he wore the same No. 19 that Oakland Manager Tony La Russa had worn years before at Jefferson High School in Tampa. McGriff was a ninth-round selection, 233rd overall, by the Yankees in the June 1981 draft.

Blue Jays Vice-President Pat Gillick, the elder statesman in terms of service among present GMs, has made his share of wheels and deals. He selected Bell in the major league draft; signed discard Doyle Alexander, who won 17 games for the division-winning Blue Jays in '85; traded Phil Huffman for Rance Mulliniks and Oswald Peraza and Jose Mesa for Mike Flanagan; claimed Tom Henke as compensation for losing Cliff Johnson; and traded Victor Cruz for Alfredo Griffin.

The best deal? According to Gillick, it was in December 1982 at the winter meetings in Hawaii. The Jays sent Dale Murray and Tom Dodd to the Yankees for Dave Collins, Mike Morgan and McGriff, a youngster who had just finished his second season of rookie ball.

McGriff was the throw-in, the kid. The veteran Collins followed him into the batting cage the next spring and wondered out loud, who is this guy?

It was a long road to the majors for McGriff, with stops at Florence, Kinston, Knoxville and parts of three seasons at Syracuse.

"In Kinston we'd ride the buses and wonder, 'How many of us are going to make it?'"

Shortstop Tony Fernandez earned his third straight Gold Glove.



says McGriff, the sole survivor of that group.

In 1987, McGriff split designated hitter duties with Cecil Fielder as Toronto came down the stretch against Detroit. McGriff watched most of that 0-for-seven finish from the bench. Did McGriff mature in one season? In 1988, he hit .333 against pennant-winning Oakland, .320 against division-winning Boston.

Standing around the cage before game time, home or away, it's easy to tell when it's McGriff's turn to bat. You don't have to be watching, either. It's all in the ears when McGriff makes contact: the sound of an express train without brakes hitting the station. Then you hear the oohs and ahhs—home and away—as McGriff bounces baseballs around upper decks and off speakers and scoreboards.

How far does he hit them?

"I saw Ted Williams hit one farther one day in Cleveland, 1947," said Toronto pitching coach Al Widmar, a 47-year veteran, after a McGriff drive went into the upper deck out of camera range in Yankee Stadium.

"I've never seen anyone hit a ball as far as he does," says catcher Ernie Whitt. "Everyone talks of the power of George Bell or Jesse Barfield. Well, McGriff probably has more power than either of them."

"I've never seen anyone I've played with or against hit the ball like he does in batting practice, and he's just starting to put it together," says Blue Jays batting coach Cito Gaston, who hit 29 home runs for San Diego in 1970.

"Maybe the longest homer I've seen in my 25 years," said then-Toronto Manager Bobby Cox after a McGriff homer left Orlando's Tinker Field in the spring of '85.

And it was McGriff's towering drives that eventually made decision-makers at one level after another say, "How can we leave this guy behind?"

Since the Blue Jays train in Dunedin, Fla., McGriff makes the drive home to Tampa to be with his parents after exhibition games.

"Mom doesn't ask whether we won or lost, just if I hit a homer," McGriff says.

Not many nights did he disappoint: in two springs, 11 homers in 31 games.

For Toronto last season, there was too much controversy and not enough run production. The Blue Jays would get to the .500 mark and seem to collectively decide that tomorrow or the day after that might be a better time to bear down.

Of the first 152 days of the season, the Blue Jays spent 127 below .500. Finally, they righted themselves to win 22 of the final 29—the best month in the history of the club—to finish tied for third place with Milwaukee, just two games behind Boston. It was the same deficit as 1987. But hardly the same.

Says Gillick: "Some 25 years from now, people will look back at '88 and see three teams within two games of first place and say, 'They must have had a hell of a race.' But we know better."

Gillick said his No. 1 priority for the off-season was improving outfield defense.

One area that didn't need improvement was third base. Kelly Gruber developed quickly. He was so nervous his rookie season in 1986 that he was afraid to peek around a right-handed hitter to see what pitch the catcher was calling.

When Mulliniks was injured in the home opener, Gruber went into the game and hit two homers. From then on, he and McGriff led the way. Gruber was batting .289 with 69 RBI when he injured a finger on Aug. 11. He finished the season at .278 with 16 home runs and 81 RBI.

While Bell started with a bang—three homers Opening Day in Kansas City—the run production wasn't there early. At the end of June, he had nine homers and 43 RBI.

Fernandez and all of the replacements who followed him into the No. 3 spot struggled. Bell batted .269 with 24 homers and 97 RBI after his MVP-year .308–47–134. The Blue Jays didn't expect 47 homers again but would have liked at least 30.

Bell had his problems in the field—a club-record 15 errors—and with the manager. And the DH question for this season is unanswered. Last year, Mulliniks spent the most time at DH, hitting .300 with 48 RBI in 337 at-bats.

What was once called the best outfield in baseball had an off-season. Moseby went from .282–26–96 in '87 to .239–10–42. Right fielder Barfield was hitting .209 at the All-Star break but finished strong amid trade rumors. He closed the season batting .244 with 18

home runs and 56 RBI, a falloff from last year's .263–28–84.

Around the infield, the Blue Jays expect shortstop Fernandez (.287, 70 RBI) to be back to his old form after two operations that made him begin last season at less than full strength.

At second base, Manny Lee succeeded Liriano and hit .291. Bell called him the best second baseman in the league.

Behind the plate, the Blue Jays saw an impressive newcomer in Pat Borders (.273 in 154 at-bats), who platooned with old reliable Whitt (.251–16–70). Veteran Bob Brenly (.189 with San Francisco) was signed in January.

Toronto's starting rotation will be without Jim Clancy (11–13, 4.49 ERA), who was granted free agency as part of the Collusion II settlement. He signed with Houston. Left-hander Flanagan (13–13, 4.18) was re-signed by Toronto to a two-year contract.

Stieb just missed back-to-back no-hitters; twice in less than a week he was a strike away from the first no-hitter in club history. In Cleveland, Julio Franco hit a routine grounder to Lee. It took a bad hop and bounced over his head for a single.

At home against the Orioles, Jim Traber fisted a ball down the right field line over the head of McGriff. Stieb finished a masterful 16–8, 3.04 after his undefeated (4–0) September, when he pitched his one-hitters.

Left-hander Jimmy Key (12–5, 3.29) underwent arthroscopic surgery after three starts but was back at the end of June. Left-hander Jeff Musselman also came back from surgery to go 8–5, 3.18 after the All-Star break.

Todd Stottlemire, son of Mets pitching coach Mel Stottlemire, made 16 starts and a few relief appearances before being demoted. He finished 4–8, 5.69 but is expected to challenge for a starter's role, as is Jose Nunez (5–4, 2.90 at Syracuse).

In the bullpen, Henke (4–4, 2.91) was successful in 25 of 29 save opportunities. Duane Ward (9–3, 3.30), obtained in the trade of Alexander to Atlanta in 1986, blossomed. Some nights he came out throwing harder than Henke, according to some scouts.

In all, the Blue Jays lost 285 days due to injury, second-highest number in franchise history. Still, Toronto was capable of winning 90 games, which would have been enough to win the AL East. Maybe the Jays will win 90 in 1989, and maybe that'll be enough.

Williams was rehired for his fourth term two days after the season ended. There were several changes, though. Not rehired: first base coach Billy Smith and coach Winston Llenas. The option on backup outfielder Rick Leach wasn't picked up.

As opposing teams ready for the season, they had better study the McGriff poster. Somewhere in that strike zone there must be a weakness.

Opponents find Dave Stieb all but unhittable.



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RED SOX

Boston Looks to Greenwell To Sock It to 'Em

by Dan Shaughnessy
The Boston Globe

He is the keeper of the flame. Boston's Mike Greenwell is fourth in the line of greats who have patrolled left field in Fenway Park since 1939. The torch has passed from Ted Williams to Carl Yastrzemski to Jim Rice to Greenwell.

Left field in Boston is like congressional seats in Massachusetts (John F. Kennedy to Tip O'Neill to Joseph Kennedy); only heavy hitters need apply.

Greenwell performed like a worthy successor in 1988. He was second in the majors with a .416 on-base percentage and third with a .325 batting average, 119 RBI and 192 hits. He made the All-Star team, hit for the cycle and set an American League record with 23 game-winning RBI. He walked 87 times while striking out only 38. He ranked among American League leaders in 13 offensive categories. All of the above earned him second place to Oakland's Jose Canseco in the 1988 Most Valuable Player voting.

Williams, Yastrzemski and Rice all have MVP trophies in their dens; Fenway's Green Monster casts a long shadow over those who stand in front of it.

"I'm Mike Greenwell," the new caretaker says. "I don't think I can be one of those guys. I want to be known as a good player who had fun and was a good hitter. I won't let that shadow be cast over me. Hopefully, someday they'll look back and say I was the fourth guy in 50 years."

Greenwell, who will be 26 July 18, has already established himself as one of the best young hitters in baseball. Says Red Sox Manager Joe Morgan: "I thought he'd hit .280 to .300 and knock in a lot of runs, but I didn't think he'd hit like this. He hits everything. Fastballs. Changes. He's just very difficult to pitch to."

Says Greenwell: "I never had any trouble hitting a baseball. It came natural. In the minor leagues, a lot of people told me, 'You got a pretty swing. Don't let anybody change it.'"

The youngest of seven children, Greenwell grew up in North Fort Myers, Fla., playing baseball and hunting alligators in the Everglades. Kansas City's training camp was in Fort Myers, and Greenwell hung around Terry Park in the spring, sometimes climbing trees outside the outfield fence to get a better look at his idol, George Brett. Greenwell remembers a spring day in the '70s when he was sitting in a tree yelling at Brett, who was doing sprints in the outfield.

"I asked him for a dip of snuff," recalls Greenwell. "He threw me a can he had in his back pocket and told me I could keep it. I still have it. My dream was to be like George Brett and have kids idolize me. I would have been crushed if he had been rude to me. I respected him so much, and I didn't even know him."

Greenwell, a 170-pound infielder in high school, worked hard on his game. The Red Sox drafted him in the third round in June 1982. (A couple of big left-handed hitters, Jeff Ledbetter and Sam Horn, were supposed to be Boston's sluggers in that draft.) Greenwell had a baseball-football scholarship offer from the University of Miami, but he wanted to play major league baseball. Boston signed him for \$15,000.

In 1984, Greenwell made 30 errors in 130 games as a third baseman at Class A Winston-Salem and asked to be moved to the outfield.

Just over a year later, at the end of the 1985 season, Greenwell got the call to the majors. His first three major league hits were homers. In 1986, he was hitting .300 at triple-A Pawtucket when Boston called him up for good. He batted .314 in 31 games for the division-winning 1986 Red Sox but struggled with the hitting technique of Walter Hrinia, then-Boston batting coach.

Hrinia was a guru of sorts among Boston batsmen, but Greenwell's natural swing suddenly looked flawed. America's introduction to Greenwell came during the '86 World Series when he looked bad as he struck out on pitches in the

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dirt while pinch hitting for Roger Clemens.

"I had worked too much," Greenwell recalls. "I had changed my style a little. It wasn't me. In the spring of '87, I talked with Mac (former Red Sox Manager John McNamara) and (General Manager) Lou Gorman. I told them I was going back to hitting the way that got me to the big leagues. If I was going to make it, it would have to be with my own style."

It worked. In 1987 Greenwell hit .328 with 19 homers and 89 RBI in 412 at-bats. He established himself as an everyday player and forced Boston to think about nudging Rice toward the designated-hitter role. In the winter of 1987-88, Greenwell served as his own agent in contract negotiations. Sitting across the table from Gorman, Greenwell hammered out a pact that called for \$205,000 plus \$25,000 for making the All-Star team. Greenwell thought about asking for an MVP incentive but couldn't find the nerve.

Greenwell was confident and established when he came to spring training in Winter Haven, Fla., in February 1988. A born extrovert, he had kept his personality under wraps until he earned regular status.

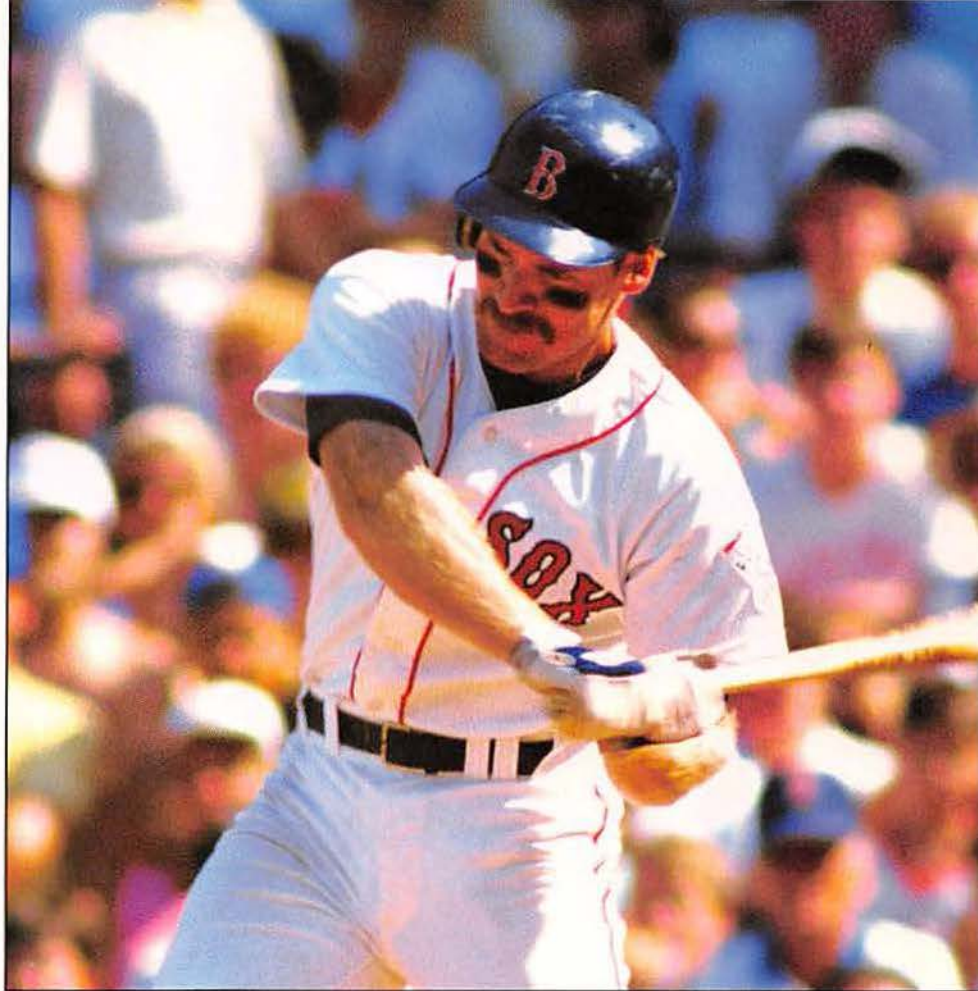
McNamara discouraged clubhouse banter and media access, but Greenwell thrives on both. In the spring of '88, he pledged to give the Red Sox some personality. He painted Brian Bosworth-type skid marks on the side of his head before exhibition games. He made brash predictions for a ballclub that had been dismal in 1987. "One thing this team has going for it is that we've got a lot of enthusiasm," he said. "Everybody enjoys being here."

Greenwell came out mashing at the start of 1988, but the Sox did not. They staggered to a 43-42 record at the All-Star break, and everybody knew why: McNamara had to go. McNamara was fired at the break, and Greenwell said, "Maybe Joe Morgan can change the atmosphere around this place."

He did. The Red Sox clubhouse was a fun workplace in the second half, and Boston ripped off 19 wins in 20 games after Mac was sacked. Greenwell kept his numbers near the top and emerged as an MVP candidate. He solidified his MVP status with a game-breaking three-run homer in Yankee Stadium in the next-to-last weekend of the season.

October was an emotional month for Boston's budding superstar. His father suffered a heart attack just before the playoffs, and his wife was expecting their first child during the American League Championship Series. Greenwell and the Sox were beaten by the A's in four straight games, and his wife delivered a son, Bo Michael, Oct. 15, a week after the series ended. The MVP voting came out six weeks later.

It's going to be very difficult for the Red Sox to make it back to the playoffs in 1989.



At 30, and with five batting titles in the last six years, Wade Boggs' career is in full swing.

They certainly came out as losers after the winter meetings, when they lost 1988 ace left-hander Bruce Hurst (18-6, 3.66 ERA) to San Diego. Hurst had filed for free agency. The Red Sox sought to sign him, but he decided to accept a guaranteed three-year

contract worth \$5.25 million with the Padres.

On the same day they lost Hurst, the Red Sox obtained right-handed starter John Doherty (3-11, 3.04) from Montreal in a trade for shortstop Spike Owen (.249) and minor league pitcher Dan Gakeler. The Expos tossed shortstop Luis Rivera (.224) into the deal, but Red Sox fans were far from being pacified.

Boston led the majors in hitting (.283) and scoring (813 runs) in '88. The staff ERA was 3.97, seventh in the league, but Red Sox pitchers struck out 1,085 batters, tops in the league, while walking only 493.

With Hurst, the starting rotation would have been Boston's best hope for the first AL East repeat since the 1980-81 Yankees. But the loss of Hurst left Morgan in a bad way.

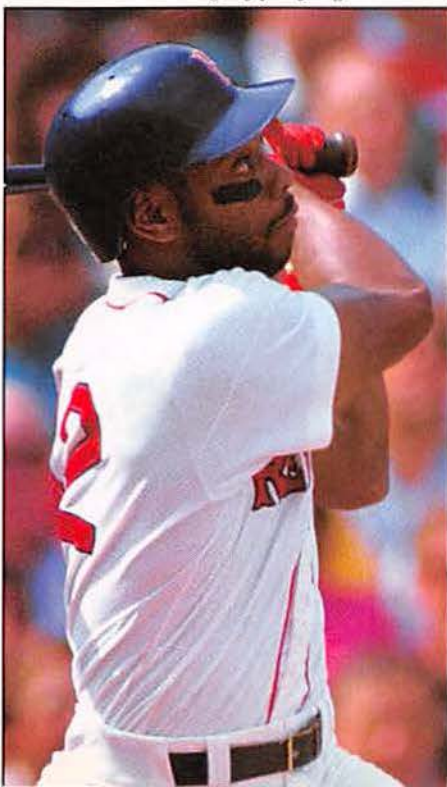
All of the starters are right-handed. Clemens (18-12, 2.93) anchors the rotation. Last season, he struck out 291 and led both leagues by a wide margin. He would have struck out many more except for a strained back that reduced his customary effectiveness and prevented him from winning 20 games for the third straight year.

Mike Boddicker (13-15, 3.39 but 7-3, 2.63 with Boston) and Wes Gardner (8-6, 3.50) are back. The Red Sox never know what to expect from Oil Can Boyd (9-7, 5.34), and the Can's health—he had blood clots in his shoulder—remains a big question.

Bullpen ace Lee Smith saved 29 games,

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Ellis Burks: on the verge of full-fledged stardom.





Relievers often get a holiday when Roger Clemens starts.

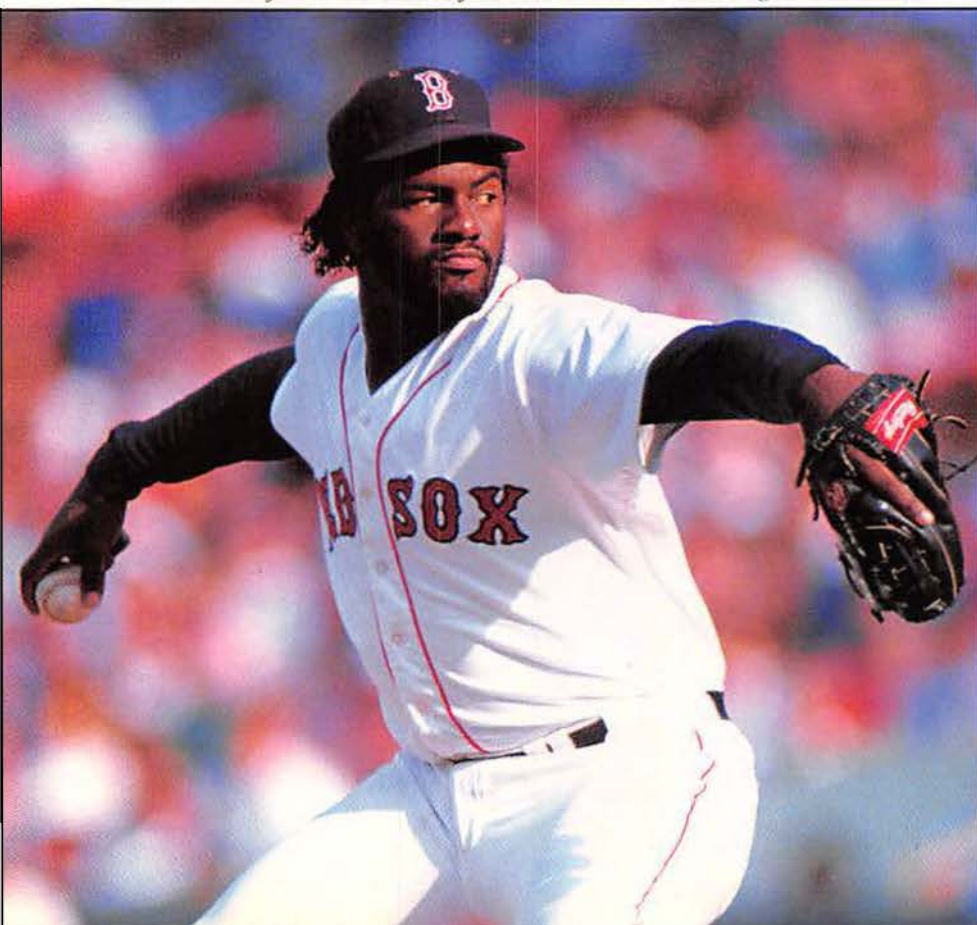
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13 more than the team total in 1987. Smith creates a lot of jams, but he's a proven closer. Boston probably will use left-handed Rob Murphy (0-6, 3.08), acquired in a trade with Cincinnati, as setup man for Smith. Murphy

appeared in 76 games, tops in the majors, in 1988.

Mike Smithson (9-6, 5.97) was the team's most versatile pitcher last year, and Bob Stanley (6-4, 3.19) showed he can still be

Lee Smith never fails to extend himself when summoned and saved 29 games last season.



useful in long relief. Dennis Lamp (7-6, 3.48) was hit hard after hurting his elbow in Detroit in August. What the Red Sox lack is a left-handed starter, and they hope rookie Mike Rochford can fill the void.

Rich Gedman (.231), signed to a one-year contract, is the everyday catcher. Rick Cerone and John Marzano are the backups.

The Red Sox did not have a real first baseman in 1988. Dwight Evans was moved back to right field, Larry Parrish was signed in July but released in October. Horn was trusted with neither bat nor glove. Todd Benzing (254), who struggled late in the season, went to Cincinnati, along with pitcher Jeff Sellers and a player to be named, for first baseman Nick Esasky (.243-15-62) and Murphy. Esasky should find the Green Monster an inviting target.

The rest of the infield is in pretty good shape with Marty Barrett (.283, 65 RBI) at second, Jody Reed (.293) at shortstop and Wade Boggs, who led the majors for the fourth straight year with a .366 average, at third. Fair or not, Boggs (58 RBI) continues to get ripped for not hitting in the clutch.

The DH job is wide-open with Rice standing in a fading spotlight. He hit .264 with 15 homers, 72 RBI and a .406 slugging percentage in 485 at-bats last year, down significantly from his career averages. Rice was, in fact, an opposite-field singles hitter who batted seventh down the stretch. Morgan has been told he can cut Rice if he doesn't do the job in Florida.

The outfield is set with Evans (.293, 21 HR, 111 RBI at the age of 36) in right, Ellis Burks (.294-18-92, 25 stolen bases) in center and Greenwell in left. Kevin Romine backs up. If there's an injury and/or an opening due to the uncertain status of Rice, rookie Carlos Quintana could be ready to step in. "We think Quintana is ready to play every day," says Gorman.

Richie Hebner, Boston's new hitting coach, will try to stress getting the ball in the air more often. The Red Sox hit only 124 homers last year and were shut out 13 times. Boston's record in one-run games was 19-26, rare for a division winner. Greenwell led the Sox with 22 homers. That was the lowest total for a team leader since Evans led with 22 in 1981.

Now Greenwell is the cleanup man, the one who wants to hit in crucial situations.

"No doubt about it, I enjoy driving in runs," Greenwell says. "I love hitting with men on base. I look for that situation. I play hurt. I'll dive and take somebody out with a slide. If you do enough, your peers will consider you a leader. They see that you want to play."

Yastrzemski was like that and so was Rice.

"Sometimes I think Ted (Williams) is still out there in left, looking over the guys," says Detroit Manager Sparky Anderson. "It seems like Ted's rubbed off on them."

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Robinson Could Bring Out The Tiger in Teammates

by Joe Falls
The Detroit News

Jeff Robinson looked down at his fingers. They were purple. He rubbed them together. They were cold.

Fingers are not supposed to be purple and—in the middle of summer—they are not supposed to be cold.

The Detroit pitcher knew right away something was wrong. It was that damned forkball. He'd spread his fingers too wide trying to throw the sinking pitch, and he'd damaged them.

This was last August, and the injury came at a time when Robinson was having an outstanding season. He had a 13-6 record with a 2.98 ERA and was the best starter on the team. Some thought he was the best player on the team. He'd certainly come through when the Tigers needed him. Jack Morris was struggling and so was Doyle Alexander. Frank Tanana had his share of wins but couldn't finish anything late in the season. Walt Terrell was pitching well but wasn't winning.

The Tigers were hanging in the American League East race with a rinky-dink lineup. Lance Parrish had gone to Philadelphia in 1987. Kirk Gibson was gone to Los Angeles. Shortstop Alan Trammell was trying to hold everything together from the cleanup spot but wasn't getting much help from his teammates.

Yet the Tigers managed to remain in contention, largely through the consistent efforts of Robinson, a hard-throwing right-hander who stands 6-6 and weighs 210. He is a menacing sight to batters as he looks down at them from the top of the pitcher's mound.

"I am glad I'm his manager," says Sparky Anderson. "I would not want to be a player and stand at home plate and look up at that young man. He looks like a giant out there."

But now there was no feeling in the tops of Robinson's right index and middle fingers, which meant he could not get any feeling for the ball.

The doctors diagnosed Robinson's condition almost immediately. He was suffering from a circulatory problem. He had cut off the blood flow to his fingertips by stretching his fingers too far apart.

"I went too far," Robinson says. "I tried to make the pitch too good and wound up damaging the arteries in my fingers. I had no feeling in them at all."

Robinson's last appearance was Aug. 23, and not so coincidentally, the Tigers began losing. And kept on losing all through the month of September. They had lost their stopper. They had no one to check their losing streaks. Luckily, the league-leading Boston Red Sox also were struggling, and the Tigers somehow managed to finish in second place, just one game behind them.

But Detroit was a disjointed team at the end of the season, one whose pitching fell apart once Robinson was sent to the sidelines with his strange ailment.

What can the Tigers expect of him in 1989?

Until Robinson can work in a game and cut loose with all of his pitches, he will have to be considered a question mark. He is young and strong—two points in his favor—and the discoloration left his fingers and sensitivity returned over the winter.

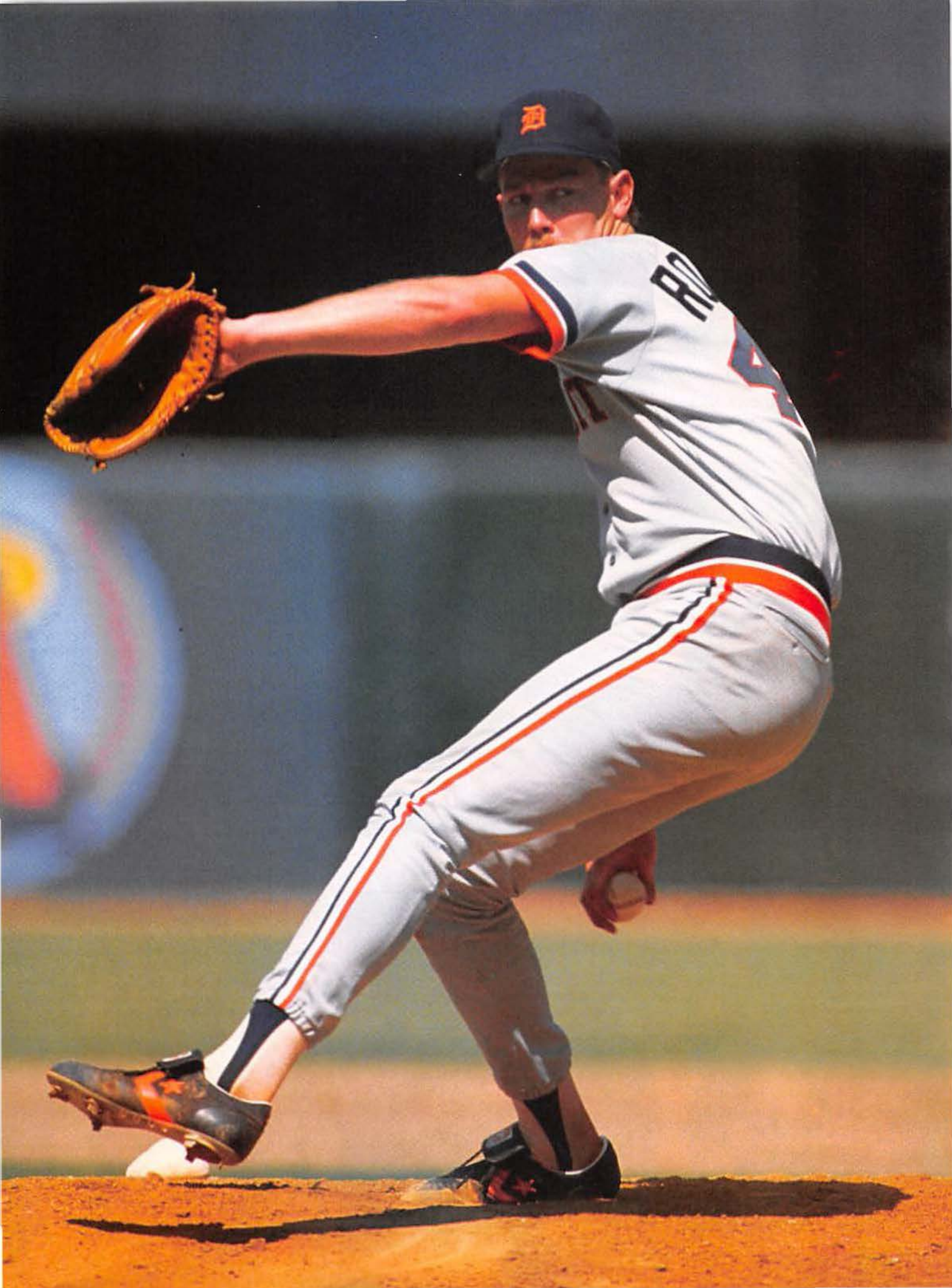
Robinson would not say if he'll go back to throwing the split-fingered fastball.

"I think I'm going to be all right, but the test will come when the season starts," he says. "The doctors are confident that I'm over my ailment and I am, too. We'll just have to see."

Robinson, 27, has a good grasp on himself and his profession. When he didn't pitch well, he worked very hard to improve. And when he did pitch well, he worked even harder.

"I want to be a dominant pitcher," he says.

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Mike Henneman kicked in with 22 saves, 9-6 record and 1.87 ERA last year.



The Tigers know they can always count on Chet Lemon playing his level best.



After 1985-86 slumps, shortstop Alan Trammell has really come around.

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Robinson wants to be the best. That's his ambition.

He doesn't talk about himself very much. He'd rather go out and do three more laps around the outfield. He knows how hard it is to succeed in his business but is willing to pay the price.

Robinson is a gentle man, friendly to everyone. He gets mad but always has been able to control his emotions. He has a lot of class for a player of such inexperience.

Last season was Robinson's second in the majors, but he handled himself with surprising poise. Nothing rattled him. He worked very calmly, showing unusual composure when things went wrong and looking like a pitcher for the future.

"It was hard going home in September," Robinson says. "One minute I'm a part of the team, the next I'm gone. I'm sitting in the living room of my parents' home in San Diego and watching the games off the satellite dish in the backyard.

"The toughest part was watching the World Series. I kept seeing us against the Dodgers. I couldn't shake that image. I kept thinking of what might have happened if I hadn't got hurt."

Robinson will have to make a comeback if Detroit is to make its presence felt in the AL East in 1989. The Tigers are in a state of transition and will need big performances from him in the uncertain days ahead.

Gone from last year's team are first baseman Darrell Evans, outfielder Larry Herndon and infielder Ray Knight. Gone, too, is Terrell, traded to San Diego for infielders Keith Moreland and Chris Brown.

The Tigers' infield could have a new look, with Moreland slated to play first base and Brown being given a try at third. But the same old faces will be back everywhere else, and it's hard to see how the team can show much improvement.

The pitching staff, once the Tigers' strong point, is now a questionable commodity.

The key could be Eric King (4-1, 3.41 ERA), a right-hander with a strong arm who needs to be more consistent.

Morris (15-13, 3.94), left-hander Tanana (14-11, 4.21), Alexander (14-11, 4.32) and Robinson are slated to be starters. Alexander was granted "new look" free agency under the Collusion II settlement but re-signed with Detroit in mid-January.

The bullpen will consist of Mike Henneman (9-6, 1.87, 22 saves), Guillermo Hernandez (6-5, 3.06, 10), left-hander Paul Gibson (4-2, 2.93), rookie left-hander Steve Searcy and Frank Williams (3-2, 2.59 with Cincinnati), signed in January.

That leaves King as the swing man—one who can bolster the starters or relievers. This can become a very important role, because no pitching staff ever produces quite the way

it is expected to. Pitching is still the riskiest part of the game.

So King, 24, strong and sturdy, could be the one to plug up the biggest hole that develops. General Manager Bill Lajoie likes King's arm and believes he can be an important pitcher for the Tigers. Others, such as Anderson, aren't so sure.

Morris, likewise, will have to pitch better than he did last season if the Tigers are to be a factor. He recorded his lowest win total since 1981 and never became the leader he has been in the past.

It was hard for Detroit pitchers in 1988, because there was so little offensive support. The Tigers batted .250 as a team, and only Trammell and right fielder Chet Lemon could be considered to have had decent seasons at the plate.

Trammell, who was asked to make up for the losses of both Parrish and Gibson, was hurt part of the time, and that slowed him down. He still managed to bat .311 with 15 home runs and 69 RBI in 128 games. Lemon played hard all season long and finished at .264-17-64, down from last year's totals but a big help on a team where no one else was doing much hitting.

Second baseman Lou Whitaker, who at times has been the Tigers' best player, had problems in 1988. He averaged .275 but slowed a step in the field and wound up damaging his knee on the dance floor, causing him to miss most of September. He appeared in only 115 games.

The two new infielders, Moreland and Brown, will be given every opportunity to play regularly. Or as regularly as anyone plays on a Sparky Anderson team.

Moreland had a couple of solid years with the Chicago Cubs. He hit 27 home runs with 88 RBI in 1987 and had 14 home runs and 106 RBI, while batting .307, in 1985. The catch is that he slipped to .256 with five homers and 64 RBI at San Diego last season. The question is whether, at 34, Moreland can bounce back and have a big year.

A positive note is that when the Padres switched Moreland from the outfield to first base last July, he played the position very well. If he can hit with any power at all, his right-handed bat could be an important addition to the Detroit lineup in 1989.

It's a different matter with Brown. It seems that every year Anderson tries somebody else at third and always winds up going with Tom Brookens (.243, 38 RBI), one of the Tigers' old reliables. It could happen again if Brown doesn't pan out. He is supposed to be something of a problem player—one who doesn't handle injuries too well—but Anderson is a manager who knows how to deal with problem players. Either they do it his way or they're gone.

There should be a resolution about Brown

before the season is too far along. The Tigers are hoping the change of scenery, as well as the chance to work with Anderson, will help Brown's career. He hit only .235 with 19 RBI at San Diego last season.

The Tigers are a team almost without stars. Garry Pettis (.210) is the center fielder, and though he can catch the ball, he has not shown much skill at hitting it. Detroit has three left fielders—Fred Lynn (.246, 25 HR, 56 RBI with Baltimore and Detroit), Pat Sheridan (.254-11-47) and Dwayne Murphy (.250)—most of whom have seen their best days.

The catching tandem of Matt Nokes (.251-16-53) and Mike Heath (.247) is not one to scare the other teams.

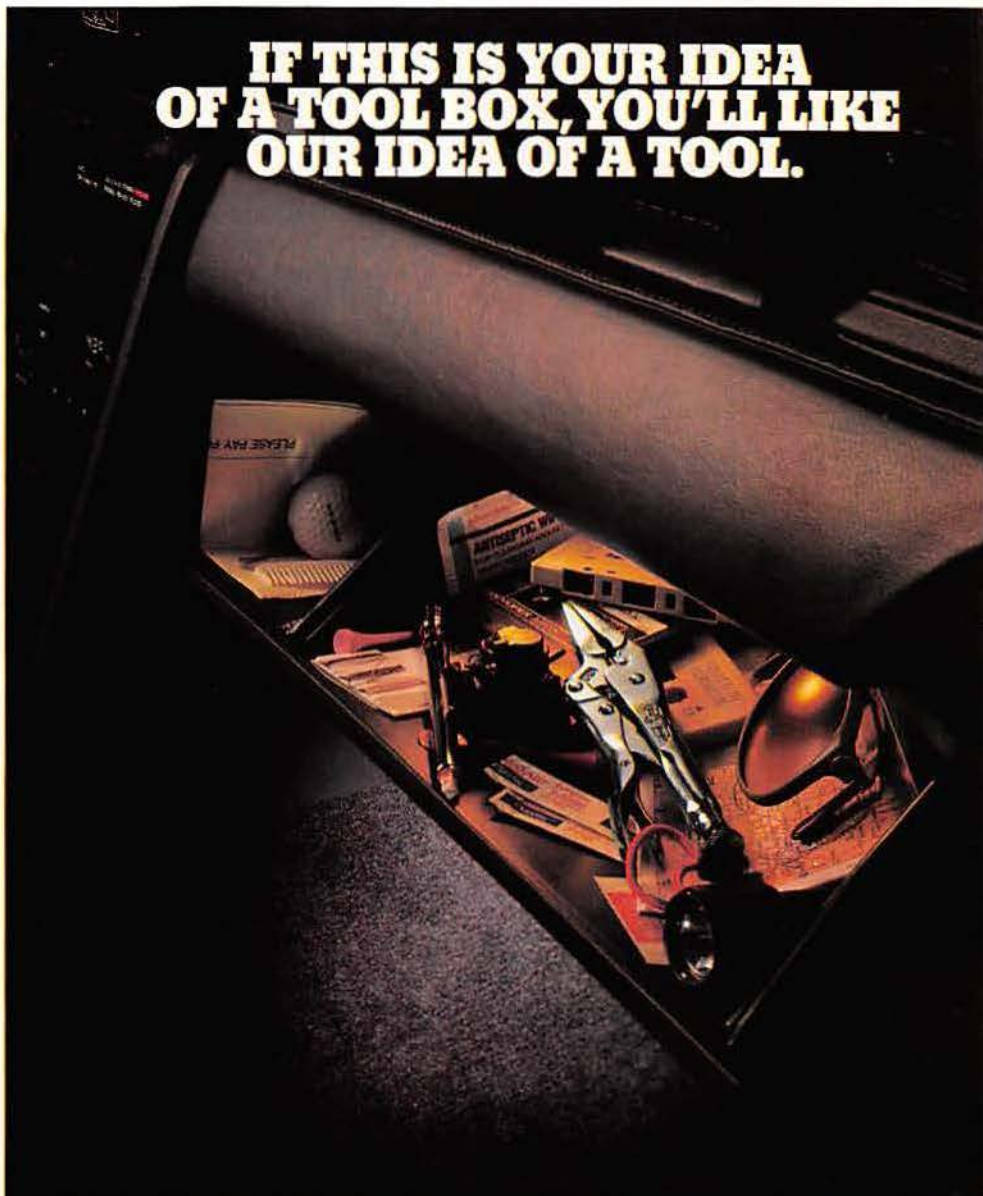
The odd thing is that Anderson likes it this way. It gives him more chances to manage.

This is Sparky's 20th season as a major league manager. He is not bored by his job, but he does need new challenges. The way he gets them, at age 55, is trying to get by with a patchwork lineup. It is almost as if he doesn't want any full-time players around—guys he can pencil into his lineup card and forget about. Anyone can do that. Anderson likes it when he can play all the mind games that go with his profession. He likes to beat you, but he also likes to outthink you.

Prediction: a down year for the Tigers, with the fans getting restless again and Anderson privately getting upset with them.

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Win, As in S-win-dell, Is What Indians Need to Do More

by Paul Hoynes
Cleveland Plain Dealer

It had always gone Greg Swindell's way. Pitching, that is. Little League, high school and college were never a problem. Grab the ball, throw it, get people out and win games.

Pro ball wouldn't be any different. Why should it?

In 1986, the Indians used the second pick in the country to draft Swindell from the University of Texas. He said he didn't want to spend much time in the minors. He didn't.

After pitching 18 innings of Class A ball, the left-hander made his major league debut on Aug. 21 against Boston. The game remains memorable for two reasons.

First, Swindell displayed a girth that would have put Mickey Lolich to shame. It earned him the hated and, thankfully, short-lived nickname Flounder.

Second, Boston won 24-5, doing most of the damage after Swindell left.

Besides those two historical quirks—off-season conditioning helped change his nickname to Zeke—pitching was still a painless art for Swindell. In nine starts in '86, he went 5-2 with 46 strikeouts in 61⅔ innings. The Cleveland front office, eagerly looking ahead, penciled him in for 12 to 15 wins in 1987.

Pass the eraser, please.

A ligament pulled away from a bone in Swindell's left elbow early that season. He went on the disabled list June 30 and didn't pitch again. The Indians, picked to win the American League pennant by *Sports Illustrated*, ended up losing 101 games.

Pitching, the friendly puppy of Swindell's youth, had grown into an ornery and unpredictable mongrel. Its snarls were still reverberating when Swindell won 18 games last year and learned that the pursuit of one's art is seldom successful without hard work and frustration.

"Last year made me a professional," Swindell says. "I learned that you can't get down on yourself, that you've got to keep fighting all the time. I could have lost 18 straight but I didn't. I fought back and won 18 and lost 14."

Few pitchers have set the pace for a ballclub as Swindell did last year. He became the Indians' bellwether, a guiding light in good times, a sinister shadow when things turned bad.

On May 2, Swindell was 6-0 with a 2.09 ERA in six starts. The Indians, matching Swindell's hot start, were 17-7 with a half-game lead in the AL East.

On May 30, Swindell became the first pitcher in 1988 to win 10 games. He was 10-1, 2.11 with 13 walks in 89⅔ innings.

On that same date, the Indians were 31-18, one and a half games out of first.

Then came two trails of smoke across the sky in the AL East: Swindell and the Indians looking for a place to crash-land.

From June 5 to July 19, Swindell lost eight straight decisions. In a game against Detroit, he gave up 17 hits in seven innings. In three others, he didn't make it past the fourth.

The slump, the worst in Swindell's career, cost him a trip to the All-Star Game and a 20-victory season. Meanwhile, the Indians were laying waste to their best start since 1966. From the beginning of Swindell's dive until he ended it July 24 with a victory over California, the Indians went 15-29 and fell from second place to fifth. Unlike Swindell, they never recovered.

"In a way I feel responsible for the way we slumped," Swindell says. "I think it was a lack of consistency on the whole team's part. I pitched well enough to win a couple of those games during the slump, but we didn't get a lot of runs. (Cleveland scored a total of 28 runs in Swindell's 14 losses.) Other times, I just didn't pitch well."

The slump started rumors about the soundness of Swindell's elbow and

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Indians, studied film after film of Swindell on the mound.

"Sometimes I'd come into the locker room early, and Mark would be sitting in Doc's office with three films of me going at the same time," Swindell says.

The research paid off when Wiley discovered a flaw at the end of Swindell's delivery.

"He wasn't getting the extension on his arm and driving with his legs at the end of his follow-through," Wiley says. "He was cutting himself off a little bit. When a pitcher struggles, sometimes that happens. You try to be too precise with your pitches instead of letting your natural stuff take over."

Things started to turn for Swindell after the All-Star break. In successive starts against Seattle and Oakland, he pitched complete games, striking out 16 but losing 3-1 and 4-2, again a victim of the Indians' offense.

In his next two games, Swindell went the distance and won both times. He finished the second half with an 8-7 record.

"I knew I was throwing the ball well," Swindell says. "It was just a matter of Mark finding out what I was doing wrong."

Wiley, like Edwards, feels Swindell learned a lot more than how to correct a hitch in his delivery.

"Greg had been a star pitcher at every level, before he got injured in 1987 and then had to pitch his way out of that slump last year," Wiley says. "When you've done so well for so long, you tend to take some things for granted. Working through the injury and the slump has made him a better pitcher and person. I really don't think we've seen Greg Swindell at his best yet."

That could be true. Swindell hasn't been able to exploit his best pitch, the slider, because of the strain it puts on his elbow.

To protect Swindell, the Indians didn't let him throw the slider until late in spring training last year. During the regular season, he stayed away from it as much as possible, using a curveball instead.

"Greg has one of the best sliders in baseball," says Wiley. "For a guy to win 18 games without his best pitch is saying something. I'm hoping that he'll be able to throw his fast-ball a little harder and use his slider more in 1989. That would give him four pitches."

Cleveland hasn't had a 20-game winner since Gaylord Perry won 21 in 1974. Swindell, who walked only 45 batters last year, could have passed Perry easily with a little more offense and a little less slump.

"I was watching the playoffs, and they said Bruce Hurst set a personal record with 18 wins last year," says Swindell. "Then they said Bob Welch won a career-high 17 games. Those guys have been in the big leagues a long time. So I felt pretty good getting 18 in my first full season."

"I'll win 20 somewhere along the line. But

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shoulder. It also opened Manager Doc Edwards to criticism for letting him pitch too many innings—four complete games and one 10-inning performance—during his sizzling start. Critics said Edwards should have treated Swindell's valuable elbow more carefully, considering his problems in 1987.

"I knew Greg was healthy," Edwards says. "During the slump, he was throwing harder than when he was 10-1. He just had to realize that he wasn't the overpowering beast everyone made him out to be."

"You see, when Greg went into his slump, he just started to rear back and throw. It worked for him in Little League, high school and college. But in the big leagues, hitters are going to catch up to that. He had to start mixing his pitches again. When he did, he realized it wasn't so bad to be a good left-

handed major league pitcher who is going to do nothing but get better."

By the end of the season, Swindell led Cleveland pitchers in almost every important category: wins, complete games (12), shut-outs (four), strikeouts (180) and ERA (3.20, ninth in the league). That proved he was healthy, but what really convinced Edwards that Swindell had the right stuff was the way he pulled out of his slump.

"Greg is a horse now," says Edwards, using one of his pet phrases for a quality pitcher. "I always knew he was a tremendous competitor, but I wanted to see his mental toughness and he showed me."

Pitching coach Mark Wiley helped Swindell find the answer to the problem that fattened his ERA to 3.67 after a loss to Oakland on July 19. Wiley, in his first season with the

my main goal last year was to stay healthy, and I did. I was happy with 18."

Swindell, 24, is part of a strong rotation that came together for the Indians in 1988. John Farrell (14-10, 4.24), Tom Candiotti (14-8, 3.28), Rich Yett (9-6, 4.62) and Swindell give them their best starters in nearly a decade.

"I think we've got three pitchers (Swindell, Farrell and Candiotti) who are capable of being All-Stars," says Wiley.

Last June the Indians acquired left-hander Bud Black (4-4, 5.00) from Kansas City. Black was bothered by a tender elbow most of the season, but the Indians, hoping to make him a fourth or fifth starter, re-signed the free agent to a one-year contract.

In the bullpen, Cleveland received the shock of the year when Doug Jones produced a club-record 37 saves. Jones, a change-up artist who wasn't put on the 24-man roster until the last day of spring training, made the All-Star team and set a major league record with 15 saves in 15 straight appearances.

This year the Indians will try to give Jones some help. They needed a left-handed closer and got him when free agent Jesse Orosco, 1988 Dodger (3-2, 2.72), was signed to a two-year contract worth almost \$3 million. Edwards still hopes to improve the talent in middle and long relief.

"It would be great if we could find somebody to pick up 10 or 15 saves during the season," Edwards says. "That way we could keep Jonesy fresh. When I have to use him two or three days in a row, it takes him longer to come back."

Offensively—and doesn't this sound strange—the Indians are looking for more firepower. In 1986, Cleveland led the majors in batting average (.284) and runs scored (831). In 1987, the Indians batted .263 and scored 742 runs, but hit a team-record 187 home runs. Last year they hit .261, sixth in the AL, scored 666 runs (10th) and hit a paltry 134 home runs.

Brett Butler, Tony Bernazard, Pat Tabler, Andre Thornton and Julio Franco are gone from a once-potent batting order. In their place Edwards will rely on the hitting of right fielder Cory Snyder (.272, 26 HR, 75 RBI), center fielder Joe Carter (.271-27-98) and first baseman Pete O'Brien (.272-16-71).

O'Brien, a left-handed hitter, along with center fielder Oddibe McDowell (.247-6-37) and second baseman Jerry Browne (.229) came to the Indians from Texas in a 3-for-1 trade that sent second baseman Franco (.303) to the Rangers.

With the Rangers in 1988, O'Brien had his poorest season since his rookie year of 1983. The Indians think he is capable of at least 25 home runs and 95-100 RBI. His 16 home runs snapped his three-year string of 20-plus homers. O'Brien's problems began after an

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excellent start in April. He hit .437 (31-for-71), highest first-month average in Rangers history. He was hitting .376 on May 8 but went only 4-for-45 in his next 13 games and hit only .173 in his last 31 games.

Cleveland hopes the change may benefit McDowell, too. His home run and RBI totals also dropped in '88. However, his 33 stolen bases tied his best previous mark, in 1986. He became the second Ranger to steal 20 or more bases in four different seasons. Bump Wills (1977-80) was the other. McDowell was hitting .205 last season in the first 52 games, was optioned to Oklahoma City, returned and hit .274 in his last 68 games.

McDowell apparently will go to left field if the Indians can obtain a shortstop or pitcher for left fielder Mel Hall. He hit .280 for a second straight season, but his home runs (18

to six) and RBI (76 to 71) decreased. He committed a career-high 10 errors.

Carter played fine defense in his first full season in center, but his offense continued to drop after his sensational 1986 season. For the first time in three years, he failed to drive in 100 runs while his home runs (32 in 1987) and stolen bases (31 to 27) decreased. Still, Carter is a force at the plate. He's one of only four major leaguers to drive in 325 runs or more the last three years. The others are Jose Canseco, George Bell and Dwight Evans.

Snyder had a fine year at the plate. He cut down on his strikeouts (166 to 101) and is probably the best clutch hitter on the club. Thirteen of his home runs tied or put the Indians ahead, and seven came in the seventh inning or later.

Ron Kittle, .258 with the Indians in '88,

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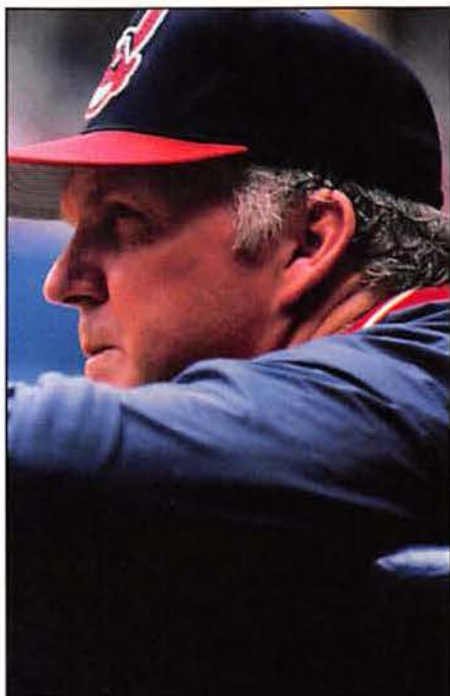


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More power would make Doc Edwards beam.

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signed with the Chicago White Sox as a free agent. Dave Clark (.263) may fill the designated hitter role.

There were holes at first and shortstop. Edwards thought veteran Willie Upshaw (.245) could fill the void at first, but he proved to be a liability defensively (12 errors) and couldn't make up for it at the plate. He'll play in Japan this year. Luis Medina (.255), who led all of Class AAA with 28 home runs at Colorado Springs, hit six homers in 51 at-bats in a September stint in Cleveland. However, the Indians aren't ready to assign him full time to first base.

O'Brien will be the everyday first baseman, but shortstop is still a problem. When Franco moved to second in spring training, the job went to Jay Bell. However, he didn't hit and was farmed out. Then came a succession of players: Ron Washington, Houston Jimenez, Paul Zuvella, Domingo Ramos and, finally, the return of Bell. Looking for help, the Indians signed veteran utility infielder Luis Aguayo, .250 with the Yankees in 1988.

Brook Jacoby had a miserable year at third as his average dropped 59 points (.300 to .241) along with his home runs (32 to nine) and RBI (69 to 49). The Indians feel Jacoby will bounce back in 1989.

Andy Allanson (.263-5-50) established himself as one of the best young catchers in the league. He's durable, catching a league-high 133 games, and pitchers rave about the way he calls a game. Allanson led the Indians with a .306 average with runners in scoring position.

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Maybe they didn't drive pitchers batty, but Joe Carter (above) and Cory Snyder (left) put up pretty good numbers: 53 home runs and 173 RBI combined.

Orioles Fly into Dark Clouds But Robinson Sees a Silver Lining

by Tim Kurkjian
The Baltimore Sun

Frank Robinson faced Koufax, Gibson, Marichal. He was a contemporary of Mays, Aaron, Clemente. For a year and a half, he tried to hit with blurred vision. He was baseball's first black manager.

Frank Robinson has had his share of challenges in life. He has handled most of them with success and grace, though he says with a smile, "I couldn't hit Koufax but no one could." Now, at age 53, Robinson faces another major challenge. He's the manager (still, the only black manager) and one of the chief architects in the massive rebuilding of the Baltimore Orioles.

You remember the Orioles. Robinson helped bring them to national prominence in 1966 when he was American League MVP, and the Orioles won the World Series. Until a couple years ago, they were the proudest and winningest franchise in the last three decades.

Times change.

Last year, they:

- Lost their first 21 games, setting a record for the worst start in major league history while breaking the AL record for the most consecutive losses.
- Lost 107 games, a club record and the most by any team in the '80s.
- Won 20 road games, fewest since the schedule went to 162 games in 1961.
- Became the fourth team in modern big league history to have five straight declining seasons.
- Became the third non-expansion team in the last 30 years to record a lower winning percentage than the average of league batting champion Wade Boggs.
- Finished 23½ games out of sixth place, the second-furthest distance behind that spot in the AL since divisional play began in 1969.

Aside from some young pitching, Baltimore appears to be a long way from respectability. Many say the future is gloomy still. Hitting problems haven't been solved. Few marketable players are available for trades. The Orioles want to sign free agents but don't want to give up draft choices as compensation. One magazine has already tabbed them for last place in 1989.

"I don't want to talk to the people who say that, because I think they're wrong," says Robinson. "The future is *not* gloomy, it's bright. We have a lot of good young arms now. Some will contribute next year, some in 1990. We have young outfielders who aren't that far away. I think people have overreacted. The situation has been corrected to a certain extent. We have some quality pitchers. And that's where it starts: on the mound."

Robinson plans to be around for the rebuilding. In September, he signed a contract that he claims is the first of its kind for a major league manager. It is guaranteed through 1989, but it's a rollover contract that automatically renews each season (with salary increases) until the Orioles choose to terminate it. If they do, Robinson can return to his former job, assistant general manager, for as long as he wants. It's essentially a lifetime contract.

"Frank is the perfect man for the job," says General Manager Roland Hemond. "When we thought about who should lead the team, there was never a thought given to anyone else but Frank."

The Orioles went 54-101 under Robinson after he took over for Cal Ripken Sr. six games (losses) into the 1988 season. Lifetime as a major league manager, Robinson is 504-567 and has been fired twice. "He did a great job," says Hemond. "We had very trying times but he helped hold us up."

There are those who believe Robinson will always be too harsh a judge of talent, because he expects his players to be like him and play like he did (but there was, we all know, only one Frank Robinson). There are others who think

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The times when Frank Robinson can sit back and relax in the Orioles' dugout are numbered.

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he doesn't communicate with his players enough and doesn't have the patience to stomach ineptness. Others believe he's too surly and combative.

Those were the raps against Robinson when he managed Cleveland (1975-77) and San Francisco (1981-84). Writers who covered those teams were amazed to see and hear that Robinson was not only composed during the Orioles' 21-game losing streak, but also was polite, open and friendly to the media. He wasn't surly. He was Bill Cosby.

"I don't think I was a tough guy (in San Francisco and Cleveland)," says Robinson, "but I guess I was. I think what the streak and this season did was to allow people to know me as a person. I was never a bad guy. People just never took the time to know me."

In Baltimore in 1988, Robinson was relaxed. Despite the losing, despite a back problem that forced surgery last summer, he never lost his sense of humor. He rarely lost his temper. Some believe he didn't get mad enough (imagine saying that about Frank Robinson), but given the situation, ranting and raving might not have helped.

"The situation here is completely different from the one in Cleveland," says Robinson. "There, it was win, win, win. And we didn't have the players to win. The pressure to win was unbelievable. The general manager (Phil Seghi) kept saying we had the people to win, but I knew in my heart that we didn't. That makes for a lot of pressure."

In San Francisco?

"It was a little better, but my relationship with the general manager (Tom Haller) wasn't a good one," says Robinson. "I always felt if things didn't go right, he'd be looking over my shoulder. It was a case of inexperience in the front office. He (Haller) wanted to manage. If he couldn't, he wanted his buddy, Jim Davenport, to manage. Players were go-

ing to the front office complaining about not getting playing time."

In Baltimore?

"It's much better. I'd been here three years as a coach. The general manager and I have a good relationship. In the three months I was in the front office, I enjoyed working with Roland. We have the same feelings and thoughts. It's not a 'yes' relationship. I don't say yes to him because I know it's what he wants to hear. He doesn't say yes to me because he knows it's what I want to hear."

"There's always going to be pressure to win. But they're more understanding here of what has to be done before we can become what I call a winning club. And right now, we're definitely headed in the right direction."

The new Frank Robinson will be tested in spring training. When he took over last year, the Orioles were 0-6, reeling, already gone. Robinson didn't have a chance to pick his 24-man roster or his coaches. Every manager will tell you that it's difficult to manage your way, put in your ideas, unless you have control of the team in spring training.

"We're going to work more," says Robinson of spring 1989. "The hitters are going to get more swings, the pitchers more innings. We're going to work on fundamentals more. We've gotten away from that the last few years. We'll bunt. I might have some of our guys bunting two, three times in spring training games. They had all better be prepared to work. They had better show up in shape. There are a lot of jobs open now."

If the Orioles get off to a horrendous start, then we'll see if the new Frank Robinson is as sincere as he seems now. He has picked his 1989 coaches, firing four from the 1988 staff. He will get to pick his 24-man roster. If the Orioles go bad then, Robinson will get most of the blame. Will he be Bill Cosby then? We'll see, but Robinson insists that the Orioles

are not as bad as 54-107 says. The numbers tell a different story.

Last year, the Orioles scored the fewest runs in baseball (550), batted a major league low .238 and were held to one or no runs 44 times. They hit 74 fewer homers than in 1987. They used 127 lineups, 10 different leadoff hitters.

Catcher Terry Kennedy was all but useless for the first 54 games, hitting .175. He rallied to hit .226, but his 1987 home runs fell from 18 to three in '88 and his RBI from 62 to 16. He lost his job midway through the season to Mickey Tettleton, who hit a career-high 11 homers. The two will share the job this season.

Baltimore fans won't have Eddie Murray, the Orioles' first baseman for 12 years (.284, 28 HR, 84 RBI in '88), to boo this season. Murray was traded to Los Angeles at the winter meetings for relief pitcher Brian Holton and starter Ken Howell (traded later with a minor league pitcher to Philadelphia for outfielder Phil Bradley), and shortstop Juan Bell. Murray didn't play first base at home after June 7 because Robinson didn't want the fans' booing to affect him.

Larry Sheets, Jim Traber or Randy Milligan may play first base. Milligan, acquired from Pittsburgh, could get a look in the spring. He hit .276 at triple-A Buffalo. The Orioles need a comeback by Sheets. His 86-point drop in average (.316 in 1987 to .230) was the biggest in the AL. Just as baffling was his fall from 31 home runs to only 10. Slow for an outfielder, he may be the DH if he doesn't fill the bill at first base.

Second baseman Bill Ripken had the lowest batting average (.207) of AL qualifiers for the batting title. The same Ripken batted .308 in his rookie season of 1987. If Ripken gets off to a slow start, Pete Stanicek will probably move in from the outfield. He is no Ripken defensively but few players are.

Cal Ripken Jr. led major league shortstops in home runs (23) and RBI (81) for the fifth time in the last six years but batted only .264, as he extended his streak of consecutive games played to 1,088. That's 1,042 games short of Lou Gehrig's record 2,130. Ripken's RBI tied a career low. Defensively, he's still top-notch.

The newly acquired Bell, 20, is a switch-hitting shortstop who batted .296 for triple-A Albuquerque. He is the brother of Toronto's George Bell and is considered one of the best young shortstop prospects in baseball. He may not play shortstop for the Orioles this year but eventually is expected to take over with Cal Ripken going to third.

The Orioles have used 34 third basemen since the great Brooks Robinson retired in 1977, and 28 since Doug DeCinces was traded to the Angels in 1982. They are hoping that rookie Craig Worthington will finally

solidify the position. But he hit only .185 in 81 at-bats for the Orioles and appeared over-matched at the plate. Rick Schu will probably fill in if Worthington isn't ready.

Baltimore did not have one outfielder last year who legitimately earned an everyday job heading into next season. Stanicek, a switch-hitter, may be the closest to it even though he hit .230. Joe Orsulak hit .303 after the All-Star break but is best-suited as a fourth or fifth outfielder. Brady Anderson, acquired from Boston in the Mike Boddicker trade in late July, hit .198 with 40 strikeouts in 177 at-bats. The Orioles are hoping that Steve Finley, who started last year at Class A Hagerstown and finished as the International League Rookie of the Year, can continue his remarkable progress and win the starting center field job.

The problem is that Stanicek, Orsulak, Anderson and Finley are the same player. They all hit left-handed (Stanicek is a switch-hitter). None has much power and none is a consistent hitter.

What the Orioles need most is a right-handed hitting outfielder with power. They hope Bradley (.264, 11 home runs, 56 RBI) will address that problem. The next closest thing (but he is far away) they have is Ken Gerhart (.195), who was assigned to triple-A

Rochester in late December. Gerhart was one of three Orioles in the 5-5 club: five homers, five steals. There was no 10-10 club.

Baltimore has impressive young pitchers, but it still had the highest ERA (4.54) in the major leagues, and it didn't have anyone win more than eight games.

Dave Schmidt (8-5, 3.40 ERA) and left-hander Jeff Ballard (8-12, 4.40) were the biggest winners, though Ballard wasn't on the major league roster in spring training and Schmidt didn't get a start until Aug. 4. Schmidt has pitched more in relief during his career but probably will start.

Rookie Bob Milacki's three starts were the only games the Orioles won after Sept. 11. He posted an 0.72 ERA in 25 major league innings and joined Dave McNally and Tom Phoebus among Oriole pitchers with the fastest career starts.

Rookie Pete Harnisch is expected to join Ballard, Schmidt and Milacki in the rotation. Jose Bautista is another likely starter, after he became the first Orioles' rookie to lead the staff in innings pitched since Phoebus in 1967. Bautista (6-15, 4.30) lost his last six decisions, nine of his last 10, but the Orioles scored only 25 runs in those 13 games.

Other possible starters include Mike Morgan (1-6, 5.43), Jay Tibbs (4-15, 5.39, 10

straight losses), Oswald Peraza (5-7, 5.55) and rookie Gregg Olson (1-1, 3.27). Orioles rookies made 49 starts last season and should top that in 1989.

Down the road, Baltimore has good young arms in Jose Mesa, Chris Myers, Anthony Telford, Stacey Jones and others. The Orioles must stay patient.

Holton (7-3, 1.70) gives the Orioles a fine setup man. Olson may be needed in the bullpen since top short reliever Tom Niedenfuer (18 saves) signed with Seattle. Mark Thurmond (1-8, 4.58) is the only left-hander in the bullpen. Mark Williamson (5-8, 4.90) can start or relieve. John Habyan might get a look in long relief. Mike Smith, acquired from Montreal for a minor league pitcher, is a possible closer. He went 5-1, 2.57 with 17 saves for triple-A Indianapolis and 3-12 with one save in five appearances at Montreal. One of the starters will round out a very shaky bullpen.

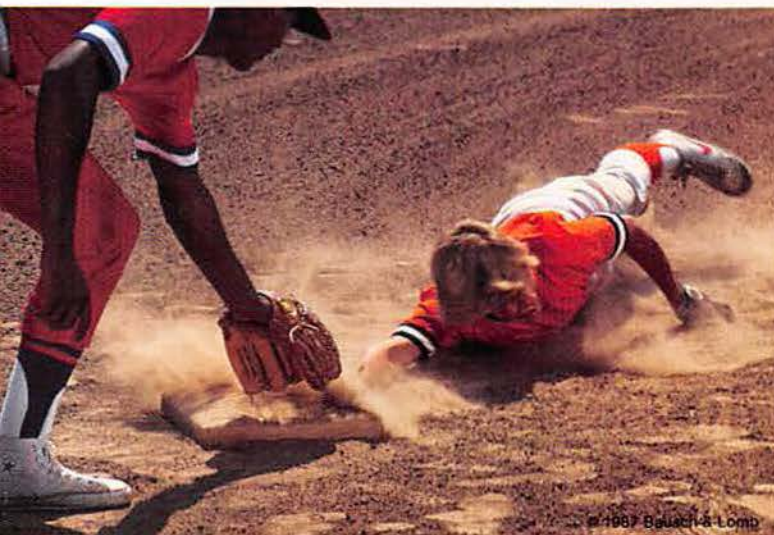
So there you have it: Baltimore 1989. Not too encouraging, is it? Still, the Orioles remain confident that good days are ahead.

"Last season gave us a head start on spring training," Robinson says. "We know what some people can do and what they can't do. It should be a very interesting spring." And a challenging one.

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explosive igniter since Bobby Bonds, who was the second coming of Willie Mays. Physically, Henderson is the total package: speed and power, capable of seizing a lead with a walk, two stolen bases and a ground ball or fly ball, or a line-drive home run Dave Winfield would admire.

Leading off games, Henderson averaged .308 with 40 runs in 1988. With 794 career steals, he could eclipse Lou Brock's record (938) in less than two seasons.

"Rickey can be disruptive more ways than anyone else," says Oakland Manager Tony La Russa.

"The idea is to get on base any way you can, and nobody does it more frequently than Wade Boggs (.476 on-base percentage)," says Texas Manager Bobby Valentine.

FASTEST TO FIRST BASE

In some respects, it's unfair competition. Not only did Jackson win a Heisman Trophy for his football excellence, he probably also could have been an Olympic sprinter or decathlete.

The Kansas City Royals and Los Angeles Raiders' player, even with his powerful swing from the right side, has been timed in 3.6 seconds to first base.

Willie Wilson of the Royals, a switch-hitter, has been timed in 3.85 seconds from the left side. From first base to home, the fastest still may be Wilson, who accelerates around the bases like nobody since Brooklyn Dodger great Jackie Robinson.

"All I know is I don't ever want to have to tackle him (Jackson)," says Williams.

"Bo can put it in cruise control and still be faster than guys who are supposed to be fast," says Trebelhorn.

New Seattle Manager Jim Lefebvre, formerly Oakland's third base coach, thinks Jackson could get down the line even faster if that were his primary objective.

"But he has to lose a step or two out of the box with his swing," he says. "Wilson's style is to chop and run at the same time. Every play on him is bang-bang."

BEST STARTING PITCHER

OK, so maybe he didn't win an unprecedented third Cy Young Award. Regardless, the pitcher the league least likes to see listed as "Probable Starter" still is Clemens, the Boston right-hander.

"Simply overpowering," says Trebelhorn. "He dominates when he's on."

Anderson says: "Roger's the big guy. He can throw a shutout at any time."

For 1988, Kansas City Manager John Wathan was more impressed with the consistency and league-leading 24 victories of Cy Young winner Frank Viola of Minnesota. "From start to finish, Viola was the best," says Wathan.



Bo Jackson darts down the line as quick as a wink—fastest to first in the AL.

BEST CLOSING RELIEVER

The bottom line is saves, and the Athletics' eclectic Eckersley, once a reluctant reliever, racked up 45, only one shy of Yankee Dave Righetti's record.

"Right now, Eckersley's the man," says Valentine.

But for pure stuff, Milwaukee left-hander Dan Plesac might be better.

"When he's healthy, he is as overpowering as anyone in the game," says Wathan.

Also receiving a vote was Minnesota's Jeff Reardon, the first to have 40-save seasons in both leagues.

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For sound judgment behind the plate, no one in the AL comes close to the veteran Bob Boone.





Rickey Henderson not only is the AL's best leadoff man but also the most dangerous base runner.

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BEST MIDDLE RELIEVER

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"Nelson could be a closer on some teams," says Wathan, who would include his Royals in that category.

Nelson's Oakland teammate Eric Plunk is another with "closer's stuff" hidden in middle relief. Milwaukee right-hander Chuck Crim, perhaps Trebelhorn's crutch, appeared in a league-leading 70 games.

BEST DOUBLE PLAY DUO

It's been 10 years, but it would seem Detroit second baseman Lou Whitaker and shortstop Alan Trammell have been together as long as Johnny Carson and Ed McMahon.

Familiarity is what makes a great double play combination, and no duo can match the experience of the Tigers' middle infielders.

"They probably could play blindfolded and know where the other is at all times," says Williams.

The heirs apparent? Possibly Seattle's quick, rangy combination of second baseman Harold Reynolds and shortstop Rey Quinones—if they play eight more seasons.

BEST RUNNING DOWN FLY BALLS

Gary Pettis of Detroit probably is the best center fielder since Willie Mays and Paul Blair, but all he hears is how he can't hit. When it comes to running down the most difficult fly balls and catching them like a sack of

Lou Whitaker is picture-perfect making relays.



peanuts, Pettis is worth the price of admission. The spacious center field in Tiger Stadium is the perfect stage for his talents.

No manager forgets a rob job. "Kirby (Puckett) has stolen more home runs than I care to think about," says Williams.

Trebelhorn sometimes sees California's fleet Devon White in his sleep. "He has made catches that I figured were impossible," Trebelhorn says.

Cleveland Manager Doc Edwards and his former third base coach, Johnny Goryl (now a minor league field director), watched Chicago White Sox rookie center fielder Dave Gallagher repeatedly take away hits.

STRONGEST-MOST ACCURATE OUTFIELD ARM

The torch has been passed: from Winfield to Jesse Barfield and now to Cory Snyder of Cleveland.

"No question, Snyder is now the most feared arm in the league," says Lefebvre, one of the best at challenging outfielders' arms when coaching third. "He plays shallow and with an infielder's instincts."

Anderson concedes there is no stronger arm than Snyder's. "But Barfield still is a little more accurate," he says.

BEST CATCHER CALLING PITCHES, RUNNING A GAME

At 41, after playing 10 years with Philadelphia and the last seven with California, after an all-time record 2,056 games for a catcher, there still is only one Bob Boone, now with Kansas City.

This was the only unanimous choice in both leagues.

"Boone puts down more right fingers than anyone else," says Trebelhorn. "One day, he's going to put a big league manager out of business."

BEST CATCHER, ARM-DEFENSE

There is no Johnny Bench, but Boone is a potential Hall of Famer just the same. For blocking pitches and a quick release, he remains at the head of the class.

Perhaps the strongest right arm behind the plate belongs to an unknown backup, the White Sox's Ron Karkovice. "He doesn't play much, but he still has the reputation of a powerful arm," says Williams.

BEST DEFENSIVE THIRD BASEMAN

It took him several seasons of working in relative anonymity in Minneapolis, but nobody slights the Twins' do-it-all Gaetti, a three-time Gold Glove winner, any longer.

"His first-step quickness is exceptional, and he has a rocket arm from any angle," says Trebelhorn.

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Oakland Grades Straight A's



by George Leonard
Editor

If Oakland had walked away with the 1988 World Series, as expected, Manager Tony La Russa would have wondered all winter how to prevent the dispirited attitude that seems to enervate teams trying to repeat as champions.

However, after the mortification the Athletics suffered as the Los Angeles Dodgers polished them off, La Russa could forget the high-pitched oratory. While the A's never considered their defeat a humiliation, an embarrassment, they're burning to wipe out the memory of a stunning collapse. And they have the manpower—virtually the same club that dominated the American League last season—to win another pennant.

"Anybody who doesn't think we'll be back in the same position next year is crazy," Oakland's 21-game winner, Dave Stewart, said in the clubhouse after the fifth-game coup de grace in the Series. "Everyone in here believes that." True, La Russa got a copy of Los Angeles Lakers Coach Pat Riley's book *Showtime* at the winter meetings. "I want to read his thoughts on repeating as champions," he said. But it was probably more curiosity than anything else.

The urge is irresistible to pick Oakland again in the American League West, even if it does flout recent history and even if the A's were docile losers in the '88 Series. Kansas City in 1984-85 is the only AL West team to win two straight divisional races in the last decade. In fact, no team has won two, or more, consecutive pennants since the New York Yankees in 1976-77-78.

What manager doesn't envy La Russa making out an everyday lineup with two young sluggers who combined to hit 74 home runs and drive in 223 runs last year? AL MVP Jose Canseco hit .307 with 42 home runs and 124 RBI, not to mention 40 stolen bases. Mark McGwire wasn't far behind (.260-32-99). Neither should feel chagrined because superior Dodger pitching cooled them off (Canseco was 1-for-19 and McGwire 1-for-17). They might be reminded that Babe Ruth went 2-for-17 in the 1922 Series when he was older than either.

Oakland wasn't active on the trade market



New horizons challenge long hitter Canseco.

in the off-season. There was no need. The Athletics' only notable acquisition was pitcher Mike Moore, formerly of Seattle, who joins an already strong staff that features starters Stewart, Storm Davis and Bob Welch, and Dennis Eckersley, Rolands Relief Man of the Year in 1988 with 45 saves.

Among Kansas City brass, optimism may not be unbounded after last season's second-half flop, yet this may be the club to challenge Oakland, perhaps on the theory that so many falloffs couldn't happen to so many quality players two straight years. It doesn't figure, for instance, that Bret Saberhagen, Charlie Leibrandt and Floyd Bannister will combine for more losses than wins again. They should love pitching to 41-year-old Bob Boone. So will Mark Gubicza, not a bad prospect for another 20-win season. Bo Jackson is learning and might be a 30 (home runs)-30 (stolen bases) man. George Brett, 36 in May, is still a fair bet to top .300, 20 homers and 100 RBI.

Minnesota will give both the A's and Royals a run for the money. Second baseman Wally Backman, the former Met, will be on base a lot,

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providing more RBI opportunities for Kirby Puckett and Kent Hrbek. The Twins also acquired left-handed starter Shane Rawley to go with Cy Young Award winner Frank Viola and Allan Anderson, whose 2.45 ERA tied Ted Higuera of Milwaukee for the league's best.

After 10 (Texas)-for-5 trades with the Chicago Cubs, New York Yankees and Cleveland, the Rangers seemed to have taken measures that will give them a certain stature if not convert them into contenders. Then they signed free agent Nolan Ryan, who needs 225 strikeouts for an even 5,000, and it became obvious they mean business. Leading newcomers are outfielder-first baseman Rafael Palmeiro and second baseman Julio Franco.

Seattle, California and Chicago changed managers, figuring different leadership might help. It may take 162 games to find out. When the Atlanta sessions ended, though, the White Sox were unreasonably standing pat, the Angels had made a trade for catcher Lance Parrish (and lost Boone), and the Mariners hadn't improved their situation strikingly.

The AL West has seven good managers—Seattle's Jim Lefebvre is the rookie, a live wire with an impressive background and very possibly fated for great accomplishments somewhere, sometime—but their destiny is in the hands of others.

It has been written so often and so truthfully, "You can be a coaching or managerial genius, but without talent, you simply don't win." And sooner or later, you simply get fired. Just the way of life in professional baseball.

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DAVE KANE

With Canseco, A's Can See A Rare Pennant Repeat

by Dave Bush
San Francisco Chronicle

Jose Canseco was just thinking out loud last spring when he wondered if he could hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season. That musing turned into a goal, a quest and finally the astounding personal achievement of the American League season.

"When I first mentioned it, I was just basically setting a goal for myself," says Canseco. "I figured five or six players must have done it. But then people looked at me like I was crazy, especially reporters. And when I found out no one had done it, I thought, 'Well, I've stuck my foot in my mouth.'"

But Canseco's feet weren't there for long; they were soon moving on the base paths. In his third full major league season, Canseco made history. He became the first man to hit 40 home runs (42) and steal 40 bases as he led the Oakland Athletics to 104 wins and the American League pennant.

"I have been around a lot of special individual things," says A's Manager Tony La Russa, "and what Jose accomplished is right up there with them. What I got the most charge out of, though, was his hitting .300 (he finished at .307)."

That illustrates how far Canseco has come in his three years in the big leagues. From an all-or-nothing swinger who averaged just .240 and struck out 175 times as a rookie, he has made himself into the best all-around player in the game. In 1988 Canseco was the AL Most Valuable Player, and in 1989 he is the main reason the A's expect to become a rare repeat division winner.

Besides leading the major leagues in RBI with 124, Canseco was in the AL top 10 in a dozen offensive categories. The wild swinging has been toned down. Sixteen of his home runs came after he had two strikes.

"He needed some discipline," says Jim Lefebvre, last year's A's batting coach who now manages Seattle. "When he came up and the pitchers tried to pitch around him, he wouldn't give them a chance. He was swinging at balls over his head. But now with two strikes he spreads out his stance. That wasn't easy to learn because young guys panic. They get two strikes and say, 'I'm hacking at anything close to the plate.' Jose is so strong he doesn't have to do that."

The 6-3, 230-pounder has sculpted his body by zealous weight lifting. He put on about 40 pounds over the last five years through a regimen of lifting three hours a day six days a week in the off-season. He continues during baseball season, although he slacks off in the latter months to avoid wearing down.

An ill-advised comment by a writer on a television show accused Canseco of using steroids to bulk himself up. Canseco denied the charge and threatened legal action. His body does not have the exaggerated definition common to steroid use.

"Anybody who used any common sense would back me up," says Canseco. "You wouldn't believe how hard I worked in the off-season. I didn't take any vacation and I don't drink or party."

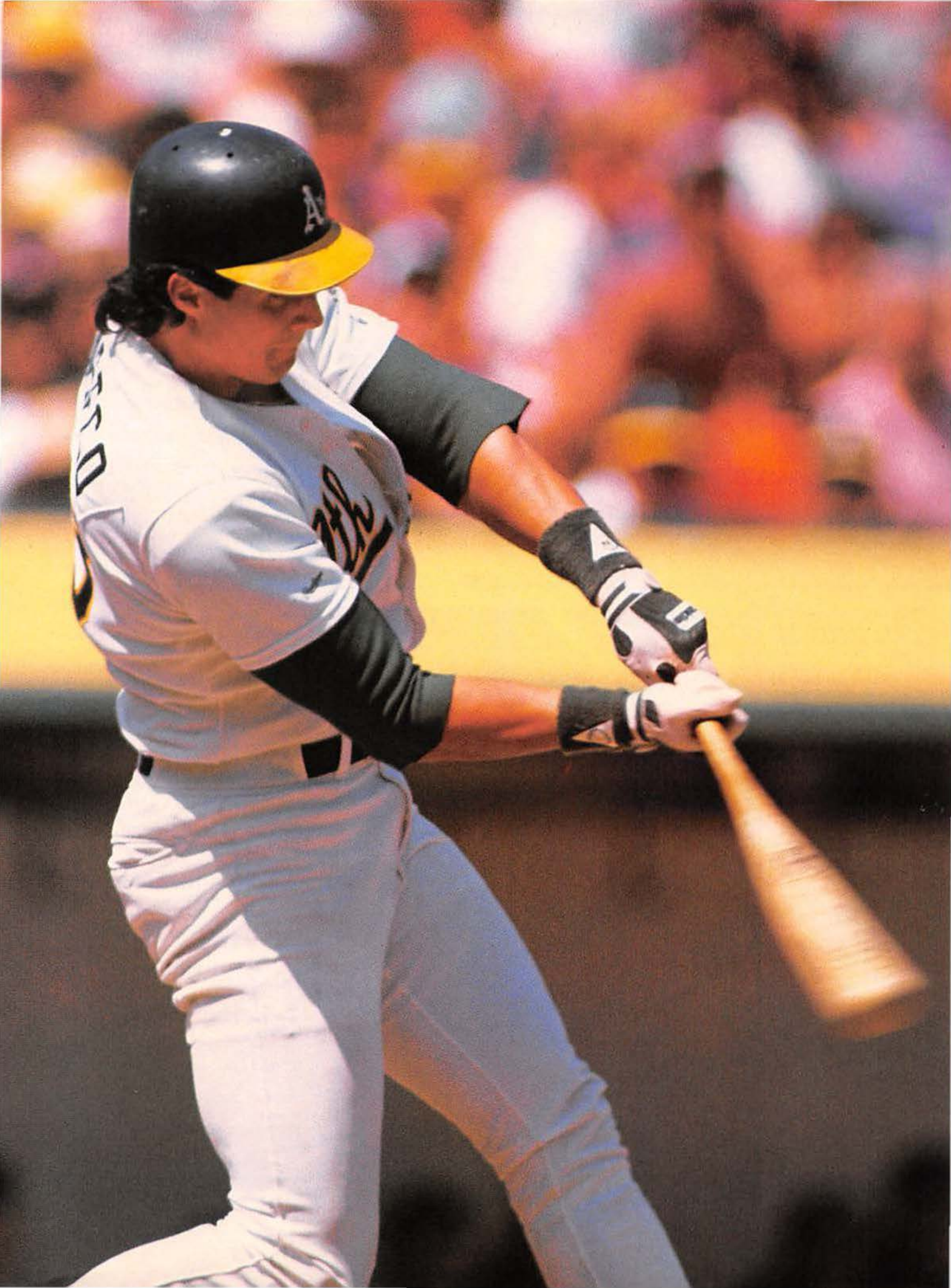
It was Canseco's increasing strength that gave him the idea that 40-40 was possible. He had hit 33 and 31 home runs in his first two full seasons, but had stolen just 15 bases in each. But as his leg strength increased, so did his speed. "I also worked very hard on technique," he says.

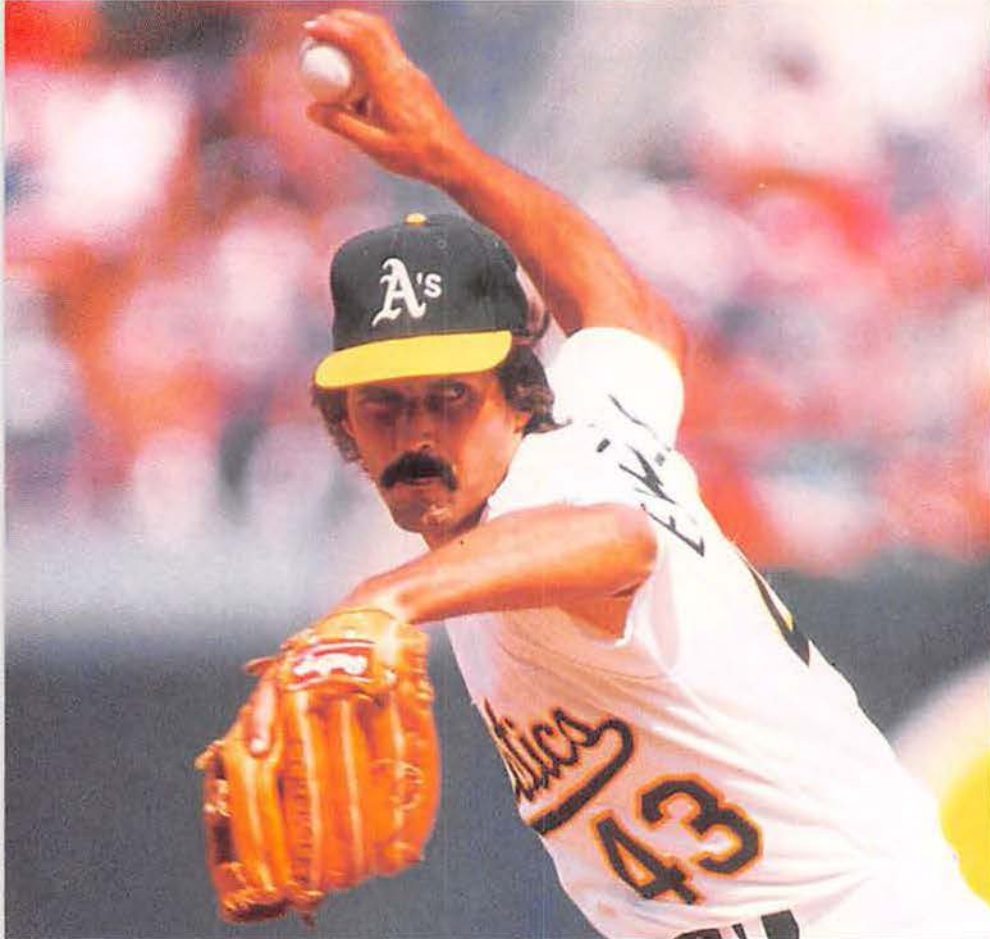
Aware of the weapon Canseco's increased speed represented, La Russa was not hesitant to use it. "Most of the time he's on his own," La Russa says. "I trust his judgment. I just told him two things: one, run to win games; two, the key is high-percentage success. I don't want to get 50 steals and be thrown out 50 times."

"He didn't just do it for show," says Lefebvre. "He won a lot of important games."

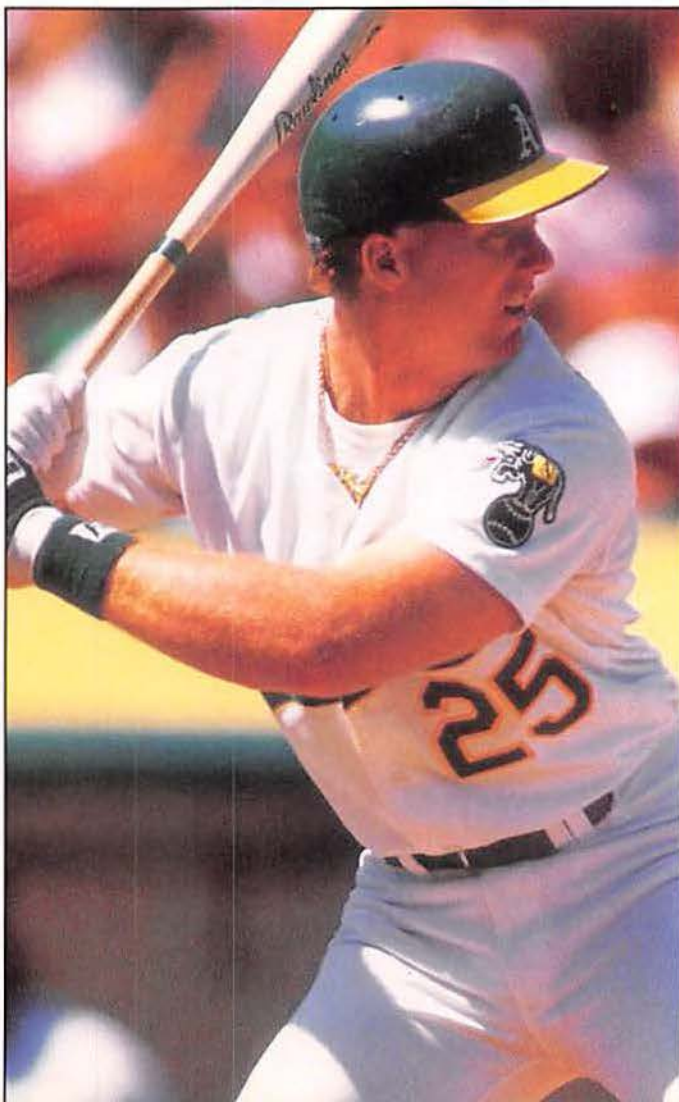
Of Canseco's 42 home runs, 27 either tied the game or put the A's ahead. And he feels his steals helped him as a hitter. "It opens another dimension,"

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When the field announcer cries, "Eckersley (above) now pitching for Oakland," Dennis is indeed a menace, as witness 45 saves last year, one short of the record. Mark McGwire (right) is a menace of a different sort, forming with Canseco the most explosive home run duo in present-day baseball.



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he says. "If a pitcher is going to walk me, I'll make him think about it if I can steal second and maybe third. I might get better pitches."

Another aspect of Canseco's game that improved tremendously was defense. He was shifted from left to right field last year and responded magnificently. He made several outstanding catches and led A's outfielders with 11 assists. Word quickly spread among third base coaches that it was foolhardy to run on him.

"There was a point when all Jose talked about was hitting, period," says teammate Dave Stewart, who last year became only the second Oakland pitcher to win 20 games in consecutive seasons. "Now he's concentrating on defense and he knows what's going on. He's throwing to the right base, one of the little things the average fan wouldn't notice."

In right field, Canseco adopted a sidesaddle stance, which he says greatly improved his reaction to fly balls. "In 1986 I had trouble going back on balls because I'd square up, and that locked me up a lot. What I do now is play the ball sideways. It's better than backpedaling, which is what got me in trouble when I broke in."

From an indifferent outfielder, Canseco has become a potential Gold Glove winner.

Until last year, when Canseco's 40-40 quest thrust him into the limelight, he was one of the game's most misunderstood players. Reporters mistook his shyness for moodiness, and a reputation for poor work habits, dating from his minor league days, dogged him long after it was proven to be inaccurate.

Although Canseco was born in Cuba, his family moved to Miami when he was less than a year old. He speaks without the trace of a Spanish accent, yet some first-time interviewers last year were still asking the regular beat writers if they would have trouble communicating with him.

"Because I was born in Cuba, some people figure I talk in broken English," Canseco says. "It's a joke."

Canseco willingly stood up to the withering questions of the national media during his disappointing World Series. After hitting three home runs in the four-game playoff sweep of Boston, he had just one hit, his first career grand slam, in the Series loss to the Dodgers.

"We picked the wrong time for our offense to go cold," he says. "But we made some great strides."

"You can crucify Jose Canseco if you want to," says La Russa. "The man had a fantastic season and a rough five games. So what? He's a bum? No way. I predict this: He will be dynamite in the next Series he is in."

With the nucleus the A's have put together, that next Series could come very soon.



Walt Weiss tagged right along after teammates Canseco and McGwire as AL Rookie of the Year.

The infield is solid, anchored by Mark McGwire at first base. He followed his 49-homer rookie season with an excellent second year, hitting 32 homers and driving in 99 runs while batting .260.

Glenn Hubbard gave the A's a solid second half at second base, but the job may go to slick-fielding Mike Gallego (.209 in 277 at-bats), switch-hitting utility man Tony Phillips (.203) or rookie Lance Blankenship.

Shortstop Walt Weiss followed Canseco and McGwire as the A's third straight Rookie of the Year. "In the second half he played as well as any shortstop in baseball," says La Russa. Weiss made 15 errors but just one after July 8. He hit .250 for the season by averaging .281 after August 1.

Third baseman Carney Lansford had a hot first half, flirting with .400 in June. He went into a prolonged second-half slump and finished at .279 by hitting .196 after June 4. He made the AL All-Star team for the first time and played solid defense.

Dave Henderson won the center field job in spring training and had the year of his life: .304, 24 home runs and 94 RBI. The A's rewarded him with a three-year contract.

Left field will be contested by Luis Polonia (.292), Stan Javier (.257) and rookie Felix Jose, who averaged .317 at Tacoma.

Thirty-seven-year-old Dave Parker hit .257 last season as DH with occasional appearances in left field. His 12 home runs in 377 at-bats gave him 285 for his 16-year career. Parker is under contract through 1989.

All-Star Game MVP Terry Steinbach (.265) finished strong once he got healthy. He missed three weeks with a cracked cheek bone suffered during a batting-practice mishap. He hit .289 in the second half and com-

bined with veteran Ron Hassey (.257) to give the A's adequate catching.

With the signing of free agent Mike Moore, 1988 Seattle Mariner (9-15, 3.78 ERA), a strong pitching staff is even more formidable.

Stewart (21-12, 3.23) is the main man. He led the majors in innings pitched with 275 $\frac{2}{3}$ and starts with 37. He tied Boston's Roger Clemens for the AL high in complete games with 14. Bob Welch (17-9, 3.64, 13-4 at home) had a good first year in the AL after being acquired in a trade with Los Angeles. This year the A's feel he will be even better. Storm Davis (16-7, 3.70), in an impressive comeback, had his finest big league season. An additional member of the rotation will come from Curt Young (11-8, 4.14), Todd Burns (8-2, 3.16) or rookie Dave Otto (0-0, 1.80 at Oakland and 4-9, 3.52 at Tacoma).

Dennis Eckersley (4-2, 2.35, 45 saves) is the anchor of the relief corps, which set a major league record with 64 saves. The best short man in baseball last year, the converted starter also saved all four playoff victories.

While giving Rolands Relief Man of the Year Eckersley his due, the A's are equally proud of their other relievers. Gene Nelson (9-6, 3.06), Eric Plunk (7-2, 3.00), Rick Honeycutt (3-2, 3.50) and Greg Cadaret (5-2, 2.89) were all excellent in both the regular and postseasons, and big reasons why the A's led the league in ERA (3.44). Matt Young missed the entire season of 1988 with an elbow injury. Steve Ontiveros (3-4) wasn't offered a contract for 1989.

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Catfish Hunter had four straight 20-win seasons for the A's. Dave Stewart needs two more to tie him.



Brett & Co. Must Try Harder Not to Foul Up Royally

by Jack Etkin
The Kansas City Star

George Brett had batted only .290 for two straight seasons—bad times worsened by injuries. The Kansas City first baseman missed a total of 85 games in 1986 and 1987. The whispers were getting louder as 1988 approached.

"I heard people saying, 'He's old. He doesn't take care of himself. He's washed up. He's not going to be the player he was,'" Brett says. "I thought a lot about what they said over the winter when I was working out, and I really didn't know. I didn't go to spring training with all the confidence in the world. I didn't know what to expect from myself."

Stay healthy, he thought, and the statistics likely will follow. Just play. And that he did, in 157 games, more than any season since 1976. "I avoided any injury all year long," Brett says. "I always thought if I could stay healthy, I could put some impressive numbers on the board."

Brett hit .306 in '88 despite slumping the final two months of the season. Still, he had the satisfaction of his 10th .300 season. His 24 home runs were the third-highest total of his 15-year career. He drove in 103 runs, his fourth-best figure.

The veteran finished with 42 doubles, tying him for second in the American League. He has exceeded that total just once, back in 1978, when he led the league with 45 as a frisky 25-year-old.

Brett had 180 hits in '88, boosting his career total to 2,399. In short, he played like George Brett.

Especially the first four months of the season. A two-hit game on Aug. 1, one of Brett's 53 multihit games last year, nudged his average up to .339, the highest he'd been since May 22. Brett would go no higher.

He went 47-for-197 (.239) after that, taking some of the luster off his season. "I went into one of those skids I just couldn't get out of," Brett says. "I got frustrated and that's why it lasted so long. But if someone had told me before spring training that my average was going to be .306 with 24 home runs and 103 RBI, I would've taken that in a second. So I've got to be happy with the year I had."

"I was pretty consistent from day one to about day 110. Then I was very inconsistent. My average dropped 33 points. People always had said, 'It doesn't matter what George is hitting in April or May. When it gets to be June, July, August and September, he really starts swinging the bat.' So I'm thinking, 'I'm hitting .339. How high am I going to hit at the end of the season?' Look out Boggsie (Wade Boggs). Look out Kirby (Puckett). Look out (Don) Mattingly. But it went the opposite way. I just couldn't get untracked."

Neither could the Royals. They crept to within four and a half games of Oakland on June 16 by winning 13 of 14, including six straight over the A's. Good things seemed in store.

"After we beat them for the sixth straight time," says Brett, "there wasn't a doubt in anybody's mind that we were going to catch them. But then as fast as we won 13 out of 14, it seemed we lost about 13 out of 14 (actually eight of 11) and were right back where we started."

That was it for the Royals' pennant push. They fell back to third, 84-77, and missed the playoffs for the third straight year. The last time that happened was 1981-83.

The Royals did receive a breakthrough season from Mark Gubicza, who had never won more than 14 games and had lost 18 in 1987. Gubicza was 20-8 with a 2.70 ERA, fourth best in the league, and threw four shutouts. He stopped trying to throw hard and harder still, and started relying on the natural sinking action of his fastball. It worked.

"He knows how to get out of a bad situation," says catcher Jamie Quirk. "In

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Shortstop Kurt Stillwell (above) flies in the face of danger when the Royals get two. Danny Tartabull (right) stepped up RBI production in '88, although his batting average and home run total dropped.



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years past, things would go wrong, and his temper would get the best of him because he's so competitive. He's still as competitive but he channels it better. The bottom line is that he's a better pitcher."

The rest of the Royals' rotation had problems. Bret Saberhagen, 10-6, 3.34 on June 25, finished 14-16, 3.80. Left-hander Charlie Leibrandt was 2-9, 4.38 on June 10 but rebounded to finish 13-12; his 3.19 ERA was eighth in the league. Left-hander Floyd Bannister started 6-2, 2.97 on May 16. Tonsillitis followed by tendinitis in his pitching shoulder took a toll, and he finished 12-13, 4.33.

Still, the Royals remain very comfortable with their starters. The bullpen gave them more concern. With 32 saves, Kansas City ranked 11th in the league. A career-high 20 of those saves belonged to Steve Farr, who stepped in after Gene Garber and Dan Quisenberry were found wanting.

Farr faltered late in the season, but well before that the Royals had marked their bullpen as the top off-season priority. "We want to improve the depth of our bullpen," says Royals General Manager John Schuerholz, "whether we acquire a No. 1 man, which is not so easy to come by and is expensive, or whether we decide to supplement Farr with somebody, preferably a left-hander, who can give us 12-15 saves in addition to the 20-25 we think Farr can give us. Thirty-eight to 40 saves is the level we need."

An intriguing bullpen possibility is 21-year-old Tom Gordon, *Baseball America's* Minor League Player of the Year, who began last season in Class A but rose to the majors. Because he's basically a two-pitch pitcher, the right-hander may be better-suited for relief until he expands his repertoire.

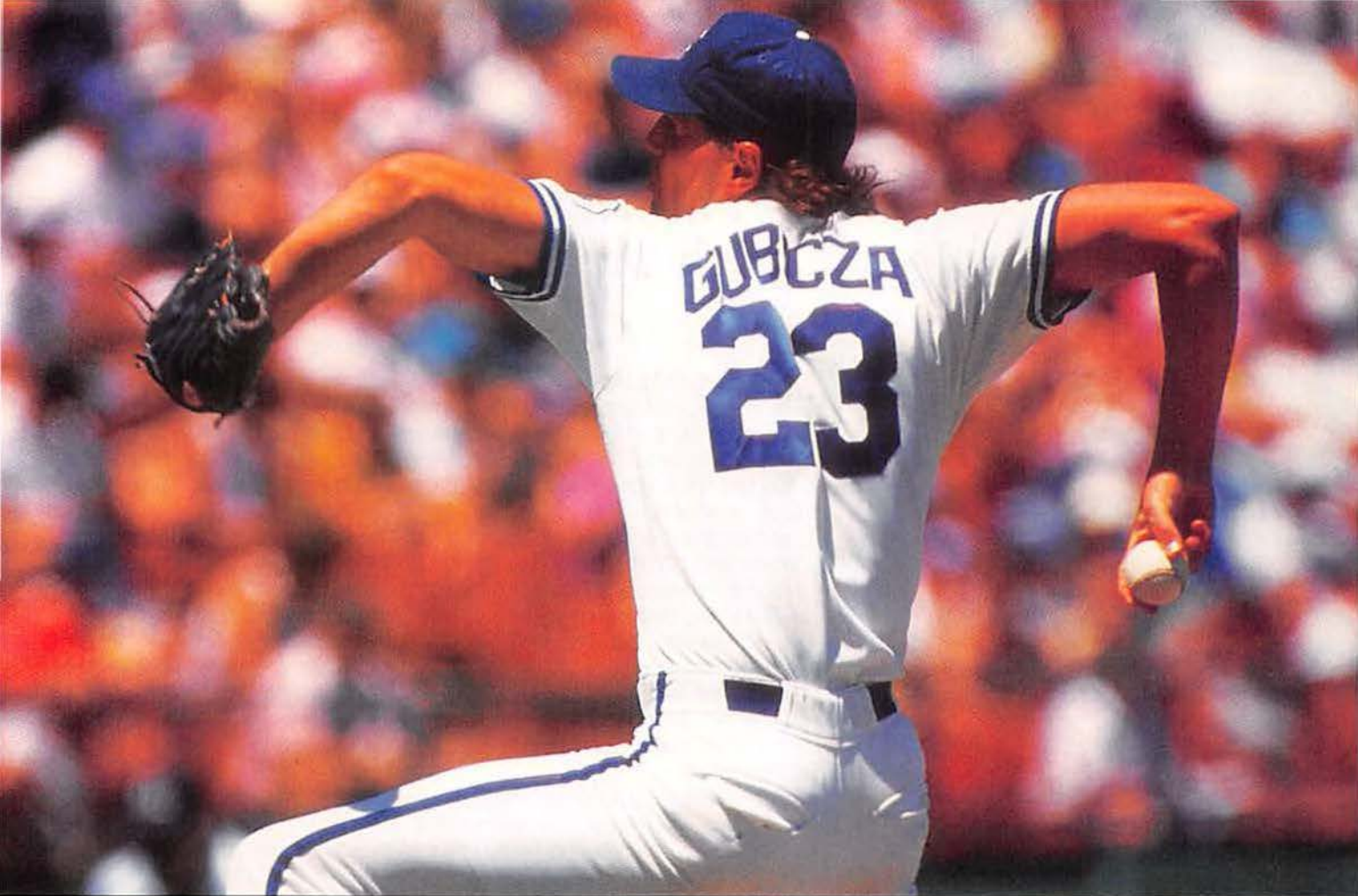
But Gordon has never pitched in relief, let alone short relief, so the Royals are reluctant to thrust him into that role. "I don't think by any estimate he could be the stopper at the beginning of the season," says Schuerholz. "I think that would be asking too much and putting too much pressure on the kid. We don't know about the resilience of his arm."

The Royals are certain they need to improve their on-base percentage, which was .321, seventh in the league. They struck out 944 times, 13th in the league, and had just 486 walks, which was ninth.

A chief culprit was leadoff hitter Willie Wilson, who batted .262 as his career average continued to sink. Wilson had a paltry .289 on-base percentage, with 22 walks and 106 strikeouts in 628 plate appearances.

Improving the leadoff spot would go a long way toward helping the on-base percentage, which, in turn, could aid run production. The Royals ranked seventh in the AL with 704 runs, 11 fewer than they scored in 1987.

If Wilson can be more patient, hit the ball on the ground more often and try bunting



Mark Gubicza has become a sounder pitcher since he quit trying to overpower everybody, as his much improved record attests.

for more hits, he could solve the leadoff problem by himself. Other candidates for the No. 1 spot are shortstop Kurt Stillwell and outfielder Gary Thurman.

Stillwell did hit first briefly in 1988. He finished the season at .251 with 10 homers and 53 RBI, along with a so-so on-base percentage of .322, two points below the league average. A pulled muscle in his abdomen limited him to just six at-bats after Aug. 29.

The Royals feel that Stillwell can carry an additional 10 pounds and be more durable if he reports to spring training weighing about 175. They also took him to a sports nutritionist late last season in the hope that he will wear down less easily if he alters his diet, which was skewed toward fast food.

Thurman faltered in 1988. He lost the left-field job in spring training to Bo Jackson and struggled at Class AAA Omaha and in Kansas City, where he batted .167 in 35 games. He went to winter ball in Venezuela, hoping to regain his confidence.

Catching is another area the Royals moved to improve, signing free agent Bob Boone (.295, 39 RBI with California) to a one-year, \$1 million contract. Boone, 41, is baseball's all-time leader in games caught (2,056).

Considering Boone's age, Kansas City hopes that catcher Mike Macfarlane will continue to develop. Schuerholz admits that Macfarlane's feelings might have been hurt

following his unexpected July 23 demotion to Omaha. He was hitting .265 with 15 doubles, four home runs and 26 RBI, giving the Royals more offense than they'd seen from a catcher since Don Slaught. But when it was deemed that a more experienced hand was needed to call pitches, Macfarlane was sent to the minors. His season ended prematurely when he suffered a broken thumb.

"He knows what we want from him," says Schuerholz, "and he is intelligent and determined. He might be the guy everybody talks about in spring training because of his makeup and fire and determination to prove we were wrong to send him down."

The Royals are certain that the addition of John Mayberry to the coaching staff will have a positive effect on their clubhouse atmosphere. Mayberry, a former Royal who worked as a minor league instructor for the Blue Jays, has an upbeat, optimistic nature.

"I think he will help tremendously in the area of team togetherness," Schuerholz says. "I don't think the team was as connected as it needed to be. John brings a team concept to the game. Not that the other coaches don't, but John does it in a more outgoing, gregarious, effervescent way."

A collective mission will be to avoid the second-half drop that occurred last season. The Royals were 38-36 after the All-Star

break, hardly a pennant push, as everyday players saw their averages fall. Brett was hitting .329 at the break and finished at .306; Jackson went from .287 to .246; third baseman Kevin Seitzer, .311 to .304; Stillwell, .261 to .251; right fielder Danny Tartabull, .276 to .274; second baseman Frank White, .263 to .235; and center fielder Wilson, .280 to .262. First baseman-DH Bill Buckner did improve from .236 to .249.

That was all part of the unexpected. After acquiring Stillwell for pitcher Danny Jackson and replacing Jackson with Bannister, the Royals—and some prognosticators—felt they were gearing for a heady season.

"Everybody thought the club was as solid position for position as it had been for many, many years," says Schuerholz. "It just didn't click. The pieces didn't mesh. There was more clanking and grinding than humming and whirring. It was the most frustrating year for me because the expectations and anticipations were so high, and I thought legitimately so."

Consequently, the Royals will take a more cautious approach toward the 1989 season. Spring training will bring the usual doses of hope and promise. But the Royals just won't go overboard in assessing their chances.

"My optimism will be guarded," Schuerholz says. "That's not to say we can't win. I think we can."

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STARSTORIES

Puckett's Meteoric Career Is the Stuff of Fantasy

by Dennis Brackin
Minneapolis Star and Tribune

His is the rags-to-riches story associated with another era: a simpler, less sophisticated time, before computerized draft ratings, national scouting combines, guaranteed salaries and million-dollar annuities.

Kirby Puckett spent his formative years in a Chicago housing project once described by *Newsweek* magazine as "the place where hope died." Somehow, Puckett's never did.

His earliest memories are of his personal conviction: He would be a major league ballplayer. Nothing more. Nothing less. Nothing would shake the conviction. Not major league scouts who told him he was too short and much too round. Not being overlooked by scouts after high school. And not even his blue-collar days working the assembly line for Ford Motor Co.

A decade later, Puckett, 28, is an All-Star and a Gold Glove outfielder, the cornerstone of a successful team. He is easily the Minnesota Twins' most popular player, and not only because of his accomplishments on the playing field. In a world of brash and bold, the 5-8, 210-pound Puckett remains soft-spoken and unassuming.

"I'm still the same old Kirby," he said after the 1988 season. "Anyone I've played against will tell you the same thing: I haven't changed."

But he has—on the playing field. The statistics just keep going up and up, and no one, including Puckett, knows when they will level off. From 1985, his first full major league year, to 1988, Puckett's numbers have risen thus: batting average—.288 to .356; home runs—four to 24; RBI—74 to 121. He became only the fourth major leaguer to collect 1000 hits in his first five seasons and the sixth American League right-handed batter since 1940 to hit .350; his average was the league's highest by a right-hander since Joe DiMaggio hit .357 in 1941.

Of all the impressive numbers, it is Puckett's 1,028 hits in five full seasons and .320 career batting average that set him apart. "If he died tomorrow, he would not be in the Hall of Fame," author and baseball historian Bill James said. "But if he keeps doing the things he's done over a period of years, there's no question he will be."

Puckett spent his grade school years in the Robert Taylor Homes, a 16-story housing project about a mile from Chicago's Comiskey Park. His family lived in a three-bedroom apartment on the 14th floor. One bedroom for the six boys, one bedroom for the three girls and one for their parents.

Puckett's childhood dreams took shape playing ball on pavement and against walls. He didn't play a baseball game on a grass field until he was 14, after his family had moved to 79th Street on Chicago's South Side.

"All he ever wanted to do, from a little boy on up, was to play ball," says his mother, Catherine Puckett. "I could see it in him when he was 6 years old."

The road to the majors wasn't smooth. As a high school freshman, Puckett was 5-4 and slightly built. "I tell you, you could barely see me," Puckett says. "I knew I was going to be small. There was no secret about that."

He began lifting weights diligently. He added muscle, but not inches. When Puckett graduated from Calumet High as a three-year star in baseball, the only offers were from a handful of small colleges. He opted for the assembly line and the long-shot hope of making a team through a professional tryout camp.

At a Kansas City Royals' camp a year after he graduated from high school, Puckett caught the eye of Bradley College Coach Dewey Kalmer, who offered him a scholarship. Puckett led Bradley with eight home runs as a freshman, but after the death of his father that spring, he transferred to Triton College, nearer his mother's home.

During the summer of 1981, before enrolling at Triton, Puckett played for Quincy
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Catchy question: What Gold Glove 3B led his team in homers? Why, Gary Gaetti, of course.

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in the Illinois Collegiate League. Quincy became for Puckett what a Hollywood soda fountain was for Lana Turner.

Puckett's discovery is credited to Twins farm director Jim Rantz, then an assistant farm director. Rantz was on vacation, watching his son play for Peoria. Rantz estimates about 25 people were in the stands that night to watch Peoria take on Quincy. It was hot and muggy.

"Kirby wasn't tough to pick out," says Rantz. "The night I saw him he had a home run, a double, stole a couple bases and threw a guy out. And, just as you see him now, he was having fun. Actually, that's probably what I remember best. He was out there in the heat, hustling, running hard. Same Kirby you see today."

The Twins made Puckett their No. 1 choice in the January 1982 free agent draft. That spring, he batted .472 for Triton, leading his club to the national junior college finals while being named Region IV JC Player of the Year.

The Twins signed Puckett in June. In 1982, he led the Appalachian League in batting (.382), at-bats (275), hits (105), total bases (135) and stolen bases (43). The following summer, he batted .314 with 97 RBI at Class A Visalia, and by May 1984, he was in the major leagues to stay.

Puckett made a major transformation in

1986, when he went from a singles-hitting leadoff batter to hitting 31 home runs and 96 RBI. He didn't hit his first major league home run until his 613th at-bat and had only four homers in his first 1,248 at-bats.

The reason for the power surge is no secret, Puckett says. It's nothing more than maturity and following the advice of Twins batting coach Tony Oliva: Keep the weight on the back foot, wait a bit longer on the pitch and let natural strength take over. The result: Puckett has had 83 homers in the last three years. As the Twins' No. 3 hitter the past two seasons, he has driven in 220 runs and helped the club win the World Series in 1987 and 91 games last summer.

Puckett is not surprised by the numbers. But his success has not entirely erased the early doubts.

"It was scary at first," he says of the switch from leadoff to No. 3. "I didn't know what the future would hold. I had no idea if I was going to flop."

That is no longer a question worth pondering. More pertinent is whether Puckett can win a batting title playing in the same league with Boston's Wade Boggs. Fifteen of the last 17 AL batting champions have hit left-handed, like Boggs, and Puckett agrees that he is facing an uphill battle.

"For me to win a batting title, I'd have to

walk 100 times," Puckett says. "It would mean I'm not swinging at many bad pitches."

Puckett is a notorious free swinger, walking just 23 times last season. Boggs is patient and selective, averaging more than 100 walks per season over the last five years.

Although Puckett doesn't rate high in such statistics as on-base percentage, the Twins have no desire to see the center fielder change his style. It's enough for them that he led the AL in runs produced (RBI plus runs scored, minus home runs) last season with 206.

"You don't ever want to take that aggressiveness away from him," third-base coach Rick Renick says. "He's a bad-ball hitter. He'll hit a ball two inches off the ground for a double and hit a ball eye level for a home run. It's just incredible to watch him."

Twins fans obviously feel the same way. Puckett leads the team not only in batting and RBI but also in poster sales and public appearance requests. After winning the Series in 1987, the Twins marketed "Kirby Bear," a stuffed teddy bear in Twins hat and jersey with Puckett's No. 34 on the back.

"Kirby has charisma," says Tom Mee, the Twins' longtime director of media relations. "With (Hall of Famer Harmon) Killebrew, there was an awe factor with the fans. There's no awe factor with Puckett. People want to snuggle up to him."

Puckett shrugs off his popularity in the same manner he shrugs off success. He is aware of both but almost embarrassed by his celebrity status. He prefers to let his performance do the talking.

"When you have the numbers, you don't have to say a thing," he says. "It's like having a great poker hand. You let the numbers speak for themselves."

Although Oakland ruined Minnesota's chances for repeating atop the AL West, the Twins improved from 85 victories in 1987 to 91 last year. Aside from Puckett, the biggest individual stories were left-handed starters Frank Viola and Allan Anderson.

Viola claimed the Cy Young Award with a 24-7 record and 2.64 ERA. Within a one-year span, he was MVP of the 1987 World Series, and the winning pitcher in Game 7 of the Series and the 1988 All-Star Game. In the process he overcame a well-deserved reputation for self-destruction in the face of adversity.

"A couple of years ago we didn't know if he could be consistent," says Twins Manager Tom Kelly. "We always thought he had the potential, but whether he was physically and mentally strong enough was the question."

Anderson had far more question marks. He started the season in the minors but after an April recall was 16-9 with a league-leading 2.45 ERA.

The Twins acquired a third left-handed

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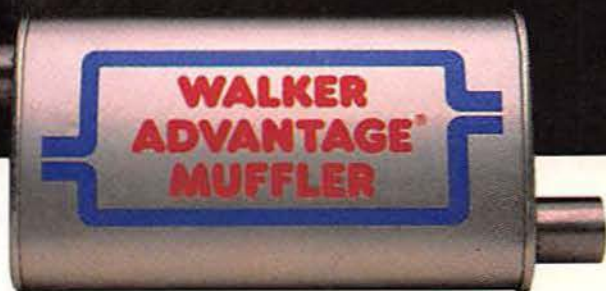
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starter, Shane Rawley, in a postseason deal that sent second baseman Tom Herr to Philadelphia. Rawley won 17 games for the Phillies two seasons ago but slumped to 8-16 in 1988, with an August stint on the disabled list because of a shoulder problem.

Andy MacPhail, Twins executive vice president, sees no problem having three left-handers in the starting rotation, largely because the Dome's short right field fence, 327 feet down the line, is a bane to right-handed pitchers. The left field line is a more reasonable 343 feet.

MacPhail said his biggest off-season priority was finding a veteran right-hander to add to the rotation. After a disappointing 10-17 season, Bert Blyleven was traded to California for young pitcher Mike Cook and two minor leaguers. Journeyman Fred Toliver (7-6, 4.24) goes into spring training as the top returnee among right-handers. Other possibilities include Les Straker (2-5, 3.92), Charlie Lea (7-7, 4.85) and Roy Smith (3-0, 2.68).

The bullpen appears solid with veterans Keith Atherton (7-5, 3.41), Juan Berenguer (8-4, 3.96) and Jeff Reardon (2-4, 2.47). Reardon had another superb season, saving a career-high 42 games. He saved 41 for Montreal in 1985, making him the first pitcher to save 40 games in each league. The top bullpen prospect is right-hander German Gonzales, who had a 3.38 ERA in 16 games after being called up from Class AA Orlando.

Says MacPhail: "Clearly, with Anderson, Viola, Rawley, Toliver, Reardon, Berenguer, Atherton and perhaps Gonzales, you're looking at eight reasonably stable positions on the pitching staff. I think that's rare for the Twins, and probably rare for most major league teams."

MacPhail admits he would have liked a chance to reconsider last April's trade of outfielder Tom Brunansky to St. Louis for Herr, who was injured much of the season and made it quickly known that he preferred to play closer to his Lancaster, Pa., home.

To replace Herr, the Twins traded for switch-hitting Wally Backman of the New York Mets. Backman hit .303 in 1988 in 294 at-bats with no home runs and 17 RBI. The Twins also got left-handed pitching prospect Mike Santiago in the deal and gave up three minor league pitchers. Minnesota retained light-hitting infielder Steve Lombardozzi (.209).

The Twins believe they still have enough offensive punch to balance their new-found orientation to pitching and defense. The loss of Brunansky brought to an end the team's so-called Fab Four, which also included Puckett, first baseman Kent Hrbek and third baseman Gary Gaetti. Gaetti underwent arthroscopic knee surgery in August and played sparingly after that, but still led the club in homers with 28 in 133 games and



Aptly named Kent Hrbek had 25 HRs last season, may belt 400 to 500 before he finishes.

finished second to Puckett in RBI (88) and hit .301. Utility man Al Newman's (.223) defensive work raised his stock during Gaetti's absence. Hrbek batted .312 with 25 home runs and a career-low 76 RBI. He missed

most of September because of a wrist problem. Shortstop Greg Gagne was considered a budding star entering last season, but he batted only .236.

Left fielder Dan Gladden batted .269, stole 28 bases and was excellent defensively. Left-handed batting Randy Bush (.261, 14 HR, 51 RBI) platoons in right field; his counterpart at that position is one of several spring training decisions. Possibilities include switch-hitting John Moses (.316 in 206 at-bats) and left-handed hitting Jim Dwyer (.255), signed to a one-year contract in December.

Catcher Tim Laudner was an All-Star, but his playing time diminished as the season progressed. He batted .251 in 117 games. Backup Brian Harper hit .295.

One positive aspect of the Brunansky trade was the emergence of switch-hitter Gene Larkin as the everyday designated hitter. He batted .267 with 70 RBI.

Although Minnesota's best minor-league prospects—pitchers Larry Casian, Mike Dyer, Park Pittman, Willie Banks and Johnny Ard—are still at least a year away, the Twins believe there is enough holdover talent to challenge Oakland in 1989.

"Certainly, we are better situated now than we have been for years," says MacPhail. "We have a chance to have three winning seasons in a row for only the second time."

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Frank Viola hit a new high: 24 wins.

Diamond in The Rough

**Sparky Anderson
May Not Be a Scholar,
But His Mind Runs Fast
And He Manages Wisely**

by Joe Falls
The Detroit News

He's got to have the television on. It's the only way he can think.

"I've got to have noise in the room or it doesn't work," he says. He is talking about sitting up in bed in his hotel room and making out tomorrow's batting order. That's when he does it—the night before in his hotel room.

He must be sitting up in bed because that's when he is most comfortable. He must have the TV blaring. That's when his mind is at its best. He feels especially sharp when Johnny Carson or Eliot Ness is talking to him late at night.

Welcome to the world of Sparky Anderson.

The 55-year-old Detroit Tigers' manager wanted to be a basketball player. "That's because I could shoot so well," he says. "You should have seen me behind the house. Swish! I couldn't miss. I was going to re-write all the record books."

An unexpected thing happened, though. He started playing against other kids, and they began putting their hands in his face.

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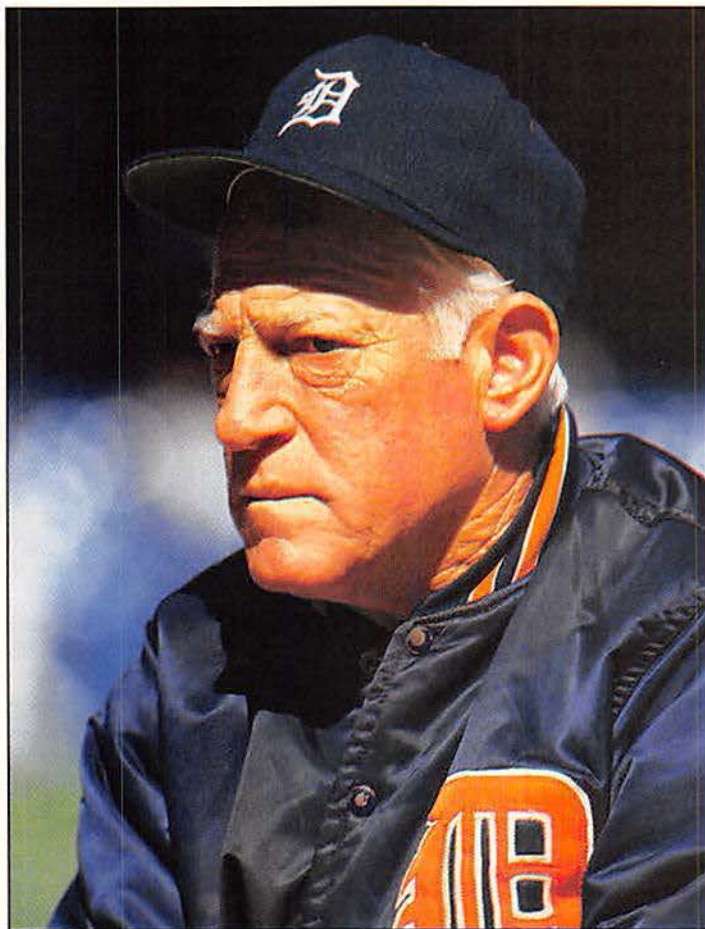
The ball stopped going in. It began banging off the rim.

"It was a joke," Anderson says. "I couldn't hit nuthin' no more. I was finished as a basketball player. I couldn't have made it in a million years."

That's when he turned to baseball, back on the family farm in Bridgewater, S.D. And how shall we say this? Is there a better manager in the game? A more colorful one? A more talkative one? A more likable one? A more successful one?

George Lee Anderson is a certified Hall of Famer, a man who will go into Cooperstown the first time they bring up his name. His credentials are that good: seven times in the playoffs and five times in the World Series, championships in both leagues, 100-win seasons in both leagues, and, most impressive of all, excellence over a long period of time: the thing they call longevity. This is his 20th year as a manager, and it is hard to remember when this white-haired man was not a part of the major league scene.

No, he never hit a home run in his playing days, though he did smack one against the left field wall—on one bounce—at Shibe Park in Philadelphia in 1959, his only year as a major league player, and,



if you've got a couple of hours, he'd be glad to tell you about it.

After five years as a minor league manager, Anderson got his first major league post in Cincinnati in 1970. His Reds finished first, fourth, first, first, second, first, first, second and second, with four National League pennants and two world championships, and they fired him. Can you imagine that?

The Tigers signed him in 1979. He has given them two divisional titles and a world championship, and pretty soon he'll have won more games in Detroit than Hughie Jennings, the celebrated manager who won 1,131 from 1907-1920. Sparky is 55 and says he would like to manage until he is 85, or until he can't make out the numbers on the scoreboard.

Did you know that if he weren't in baseball, he would have been a house painter? "I think I should have been a house painter anyway," Anderson says. "Painting is very relaxing. You can't get into trouble with a brush. You see something that's wrong, you paint right over it and everything is right."

You might not know these things, either:

- Superstitions: "You'll never see me step on the foul line. If we win Tuesday, I'll do everything exactly the same on Wednesday. I'll wear the same color socks and tie my shoes the same way I did the day before."
- Favorite TV show: "I like the comedy shows, Bill Cosby and the one with that kid Michael J. Fox in it. I like them because they're never negative."
- Favorite breakfast: "Cereal, bananas, orange juice and coffee. But when I'm on the road and my wife's not around, I'll go for those waffles and syrup."
- Favorite lunch: "Tuna fish sandwiches, but you've got to chop up some pickle. I'm a sweet pickle man. Give me a tuna fish sandwich and a glass of milk, and I'm happy for the rest of the afternoon. I could eat 365 tuna fish sandwiches a year."
- Favorite dinner: "Pasta. You put down the noodles and I'll make them disappear."
- Favorite sport besides baseball: "We go back to basketball. I'd rather get into my sweatsuit and turn on ESPN and watch five games a day than do anything else in life."

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- Favorite actor: "I love Paul Newman. I never saw him when he wasn't right for me." (Editor's note: How about Newman for the lead in *The Sparky Anderson Story*?)
- Favorite actress: "It used to be Jean Peters but now it's Meryl Streep. There is no role she can't play. Nobody can outact her."
- Favorite movie: "*From Here to Eternity*. Frank Sinatra's acting was beyond belief."
- Best hitter: "If I absolutely needed a base hit, I'd take Wade Boggs. This comes to you from a man who saw Pete Rose do his thing for nine years."
- Best pitcher: "Bob Gibson for a given game, Sandy Koufax for overall ability."
- Dreams: "Yeah, I dream all the time. Mostly I dream about my boy's property in Newberry Park (Calif.) and how it's going to look out back when he finally gets it all fixed up."
- Like to meet: "Joe Louis. I met him once, for about 10 seconds on a TV show, but I wish I'd had a chance to spend a whole day with him."
- Democrat or Republican: "I can't tell you. People would get angry with me."
- Favorite candy: "Those little green mints. I love them after I eat. It helps to settle down my food."
- Best thing about wife: "She doesn't want

- to be a star. She wants to stay in the background. She is the most marvelous mother and wife I have ever known."
- What's scary: "That I won't be around to see my grandchildren grow up."
- Like to go: "To Australia . . . so I could meet Crocodile Dundee."
- If he played today: "I'd be a .230-.240 hitter and make around \$300,000 a year."
- What food he won't eat: "I'll eat meat, but once I do, I won't touch it for two weeks."
- Comics: "Never read them."
- Best golf score: "'86. I did it in spring training, and they couldn't stand me the rest of the spring."
- Favorite golfer: "Lee Trevino. He has a good way with people. He doesn't make out like he is God almighty."
- Pipe tobacco: "I've always used Austin's 1926 pipe tobacco, and my wife says it smells that old."
- Car: "I drive a Ford LTD. I'd better. I do commercials for them on TV."
- Blue jeans: "At home, but never around the ballpark."
- When he thinks of mother: "I think of how gentle she is. She is always smiling."
- If he went to college: "I'd take phys ed because I'd have to be in a sports program to get by. I ain't read too many books in my life."

- Flowers: "I buy them every Easter for my mom. My wife doesn't particularly care for flowers."
- Music: "I love love songs."
- Indulgences: "Clothes. I buy too many clothes. It's a terrible disease. I buy them, then give them away."
- Supermarkets: "One rule is never turn me loose in a supermarket. I buy all the wrong things—mostly things covered with chocolate."
- Luck: "God touched me when I was young. I don't have much of an IQ, but He put me in a place in life where I could do something I know about."

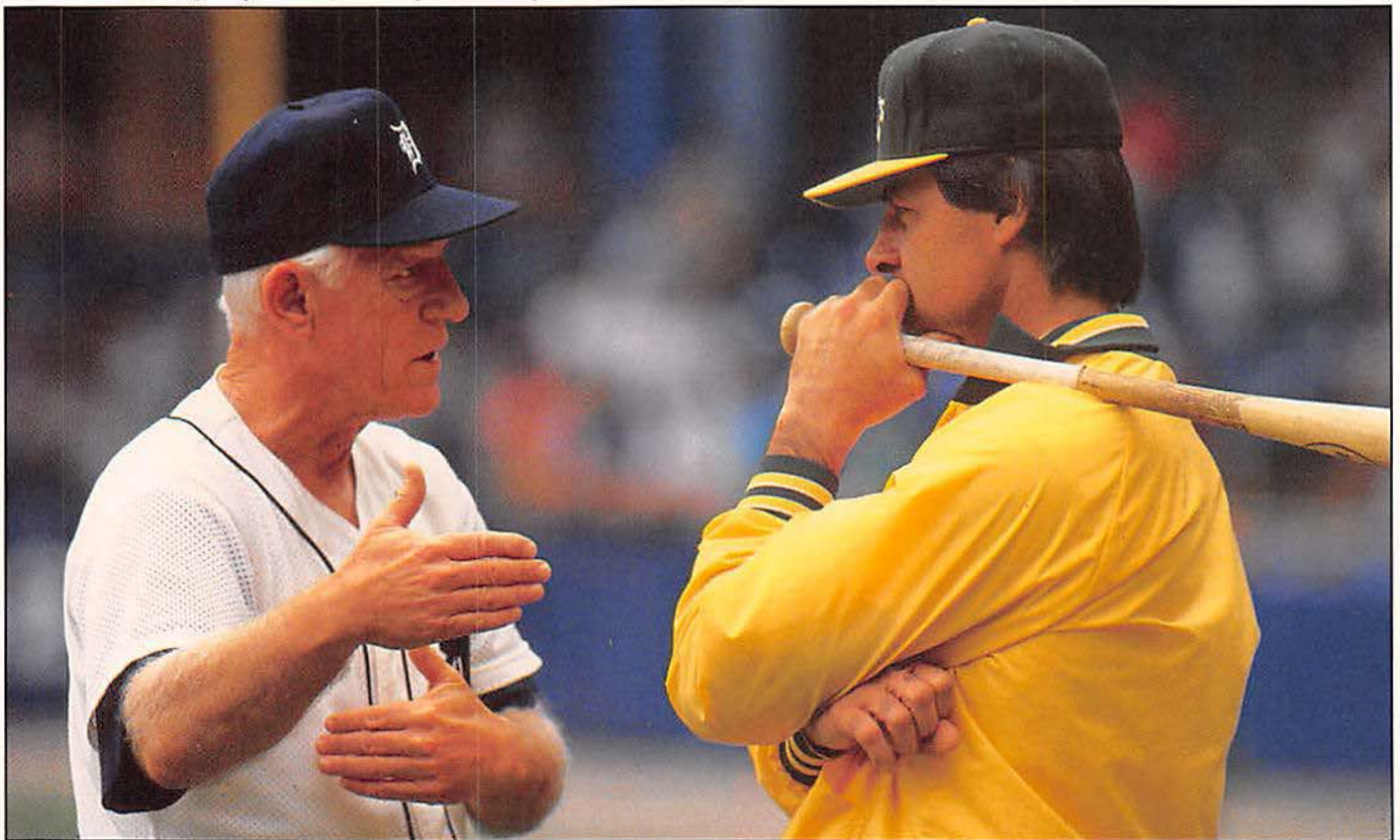
Sparky Anderson has made his way on his wit and his wisdom. He is not well-read nor well-spoken, but he has been a success because of his innate understanding of people.

Did you ever hear about his "3 Rule" with the writers who cover the Tigers?

Sparky gets it (criticism) from certain members of the press. One reason is that he is an easy target. They know they can shoot at him and he will never shoot back. He was asked why he never answers his critics—especially when they are unfair with him.

Anderson says: "It's my '3 Rule.' If they get me once, OK. I don't shoot back. If I shoot back, they can write what I say and that's two

Managers of the Year, like Tony La Russa of Oakland, listen and learn when Anderson gesticulates on what he knows best.



times they can get me. They can come back at me again about what I've said and that's three. I'll never give them three. All they'll ever get is one shot at me."

But . . . how can he take it if the first shot is a cheap shot?

"That," Sparky grins, "is the hard part."

To get along with this man, all you have to know is that he changes his mind all the time. His mind runs so fast even he can't keep up with it. He may tell you something after Tuesday night's game and come up with something entirely different on Wednesday. It's not an attempt to deceive anyone. It's simply how he is. When he says something, he means it. He just may mean something else the next day.

Sparky also exaggerates, like telling you that Chris Pittaro is the greatest second baseman of all time or that Carl Willis is going to be around with the Tigers for a long, long time because of his great composure. It's not a con job; it's just Sparky's enthusiasm getting the better of him.

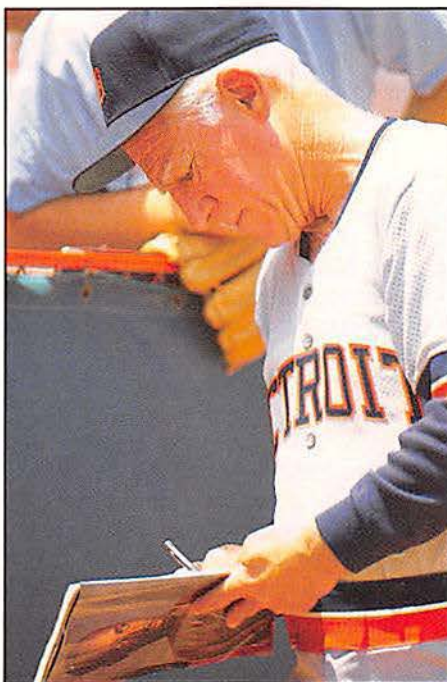
Anderson has been around all kinds of ballplayers in all kinds of situations. He came in as a young manager and took over a team of superstars in Cincinnati in 1970. They could have run all over him, but they didn't. He gave them the freedom that comes with stardom, but he always let it be known that even though he respected their ability, he was the one who had to make the decisions. In turn, they grew to respect him. To this day, Rose, Johnny Bench, Tony Perez and Joe Morgan have nothing but praise for their former skipper.

It's been a little different in Detroit. The Tigers were young when Sparky joined them on that June day in 1979. He let his mouth run by saying maybe this was a better ballclub than most people realized, and maybe it could catch lightning in a bottle. Wrong. The Tigers finished fifth that year.

But Anderson grew up with them. As the Jack Morrises, Alan Trammells, Lou Whitakers, Kirk Gibsons and Lance Parrishes came of age, he taught them how to be winners. Going into this season, the Tigers are tied with the Yankees for the most wins in the 1980s. And it is Anderson's doing.

While those players flourished under him, winning the World Series in 1984 and the American League East in 1987, Sparky held firm when some of them started leaving Detroit. When Parrish went to Philadelphia as a free agent two years ago, Anderson wished him well and went on without him. He did the same when Gibson went to the Dodgers in 1988. Sparky never uttered a word about how Gibson's loss might hurt the team. He just kept going forward.

Anderson's team was torn apart, not only by the loss of those two but also by an extraordinary run of injuries. In what may have



Sparky never fails to treat the fans right.

been his greatest job of managing, the Tigers, with a rag-tag lineup, came in second, just one game behind title-winning Boston in the American League East.

The only thing Anderson ever really complains about is people who take themselves too seriously. He cannot understand players who think they are special just because they put on a uniform. "They may fool the fans but they don't fool this man," Sparky says.

He teaches by example. He is thoughtful and courteous to all. Nobody works harder at his job or appreciates more what he has. Sparky has a genuine zest for life.

Anderson is recognized wherever baseball is played. In Detroit, he writes a weekly newspaper column, does a radio show and appears regularly on TV. He makes commercials and public appearances and will never turn down anyone who wants his autograph. "My daddy told me to be nice to everyone," Sparky says. "He said it didn't cost anything and do you know something? He was right."

Sparky writes his column for my newspaper, *The Detroit News*, during the baseball season. The remarkable thing is that he can write it on the spur of the moment. He can write it on the airplane, the team bus, in the dugout, on the field, in his office and always have something interesting to say. We pay him about \$3,500 a season, and he donates the money to the children's wards at Henry Ford and Children's Hospitals in Detroit.

Anderson has started his own charity to help children at these two hospitals. He calls it CATCH: Caring Athletes Team for Children's

and Henry Ford Hospitals. He runs a late-summer auction and puts the arm on everyone for uniforms, bats, balls, gloves, books, pictures—anything that will bring in some money for the kids. Who can refuse him?

His auction has become one of the larger celebrity events in Detroit, raising \$193,000 the first year and \$101,000 the second. He also put on a black-tie dinner the second year to raise another \$100,000 or more for the hospital fund.

Anderson is very visible in Detroit and is recognized wherever he goes. His fundraisers are well-attended because of his charisma. But listen, for a moment, to Alice Belden, director of social services at Children's Hospital.

"Sparky is always around the hospitals when nobody knows it," she says. "He comes in with one of his players and brings pizza to the children. You should see him. He'll say to a small boy, 'You look like a pepperoni pizza to me,' and the boy will smile. He might say to a girl in the next bed, 'And you look like a double cheese to me.' They all recognize him, and all they do is smile when he's around."

But there is more. Sparky insists that the money he raises goes only to the neediest of children.

Says Belden: "We had a young boy come to us with a case of terminal cancer. His high school class had graduated, but he couldn't be there, because he was confined to the hospital. He wanted a class ring so we bought him a class ring."

"We had another terminally ill youngster tell us she missed her class trip, so we got some people together and took her and her parents to an amusement park."

"A family from India came to us and said they had a young boy who was unable to get around. They had absolutely no money. We bought the boy a walker, a set of braces and a wheelchair."

"We sent one of our asthmatic patients home and rewired his entire house so that the ventilator and air conditioner could work properly."

"One of our patients came to us suffering from iron-deficiency anemia. He was from a low-income family, and we were able to set him up with iron pills from his druggist."

"We bring parents to the hospital in taxicabs when they don't have cars, or we give them bus fare so they can see their children. Not long ago we installed a telephone in the home of one of our patients who had severe breathing problems, to make sure his family could call emergency service whenever it was needed."

"Sparky Anderson has made all of this possible."

So, it's not all winning and losing ball games, is it?

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Ranger Witt Makes Valentine's Day

by Tracy Ringolsby
The Dallas Morning News

It happened late on a muggy July night in Detroit, according to Texas Rangers Manager Bobby Valentine. The Tigers had won the opening game of a double-header with the Rangers on a ninth-inning home run. In the second game, Bobby Witt balked, allowing Detroit to take a 1-0 lead. Valentine strolled to the mound, figuring he needed to calm his young pitcher.

"When I got out there," says Valentine, "he told me I had bad breath."

Retelling the story brings a smile to Valentine's face. But just about any mention of Witt makes the Rangers smile.

The 1988 season was no laughing matter for the Rangers, however. It took a split of a season-ending four-game series at Seattle for them to avoid their fourth last-place finish in five years. An offense that scored a club-record 823 runs in 1987 scored only 637 in 1988, second only to Detroit among American League teams in run-production decrease.

The promise for the future, however, began to unfold. "We want to reach the point where the first thing people talk about when they talk about the Texas Rangers is the strength of our pitching," says General Manager Tom Grieve. "Pitching is the base for long-term success."

And in the disaster of 1988, a 70-91 season, the Rangers feel that foundation was laid with Witt as the cornerstone.

Yes, *that* Bobby Witt. The one who set a major league record by making 56 starts before finally pitching his first complete game in his final start of 1987, his second year in the big leagues. The same Bobby Witt who was 0-5 with a 7.68 ERA after six starts in 1988 and was sent to Class AAA Oklahoma City.

Well, not quite the same. Witt returned from the two-month trip to Oklahoma City a changed pitcher. On a pitching staff that lowered its ERA from 4.63 in 1987 to 4.05 in 1988 and went from completing only 35 games total in 1986-87 to a major league-leading 41 in 1988, Witt was the star.

From the time Witt returned on July 7 until season's end, he went 8-5 with a 2.93 ERA in 16 starts. But there's more. He tied a Rangers' record, held by Ferguson Jenkins and Gaylord Perry, by completing nine consecutive starts—his first nine after being recalled—and totaled 12 after returning. That gave him 13 for the season, most by a Ranger other than Charlie Hough since Jon Matlack had 18 and Jenkins 16 in 1978. Witt became the first pitcher other than Hough to lead the Rangers in complete games since 1981.

And Witt had fun. He was the chief arsonist among Texas players who have taken to giving each other hot feet in the clubhouse and dugout. Witt occasionally called a local talk show, disguising his voice and claiming to be "Joe from Euless" or some such monicker. "One time the callers were getting all over Inky (teammate Pete Incaviglia)," says Witt. "I called up and said I'd met Inky at an all-you-can-eat barbecue, and I didn't think he was a jerk." Witt has been pressing veteran catcher Jim Sundberg to reveal other pranks Sundberg has seen over the years. Confidence has made Witt more relaxed.

"His witty personality is being displayed," says Valentine. "He has a great personality, but it was always chained up because he wasn't comfortable with what was happening on the field."

What a difference two months down on the farm made.

The speed of Witt's turnaround was amazing. There have been pitchers who struggled one season, made a few strides late in the year, had a winter and spring training to fine-tune and then turned their career around the next season. But from May to July? From major disappointment to major delight?

"There's been nothing close to it in my 22 years in baseball," says Rangers pitching coach Tom House. "I said from day one that it was just a matter of

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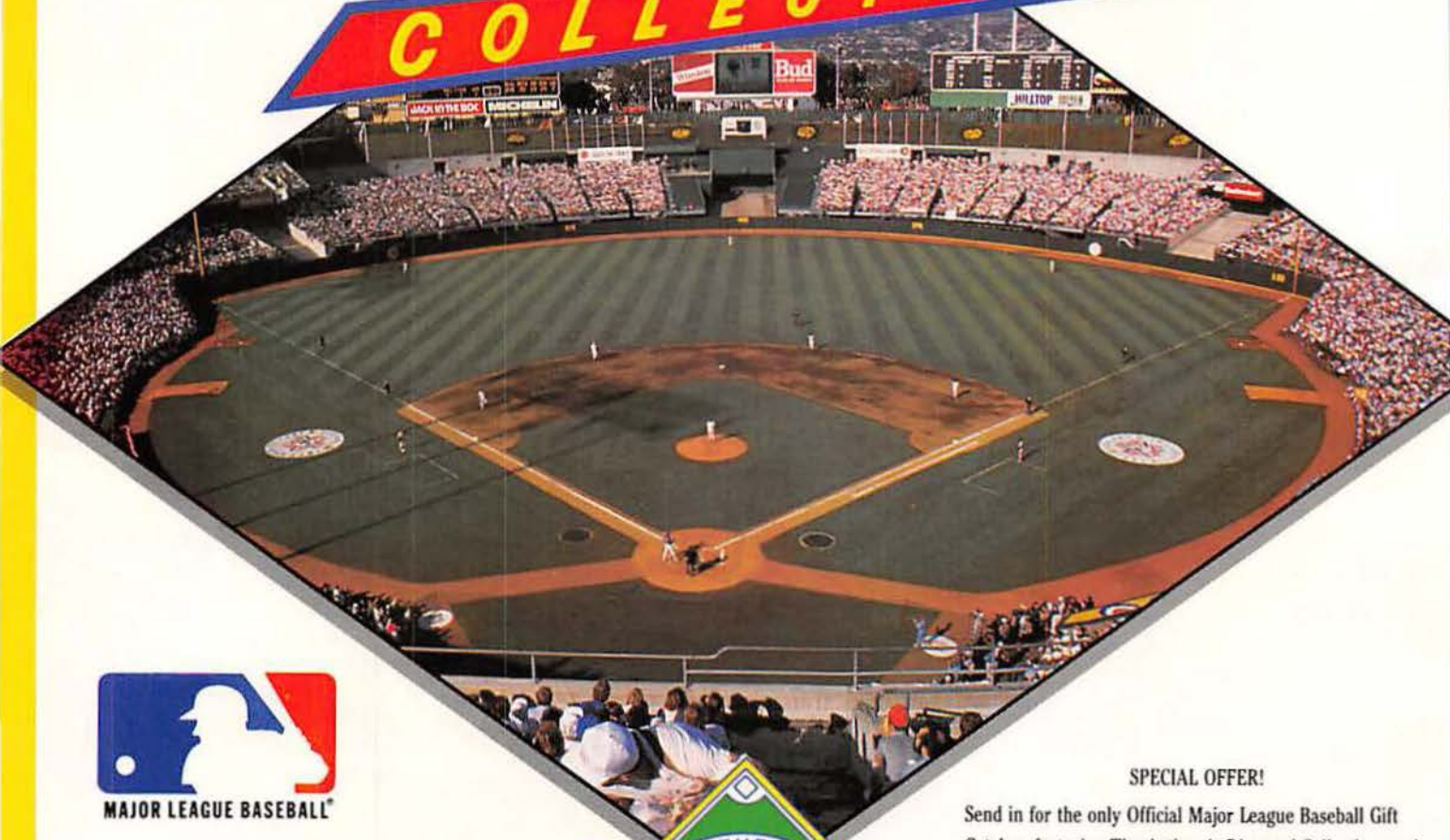


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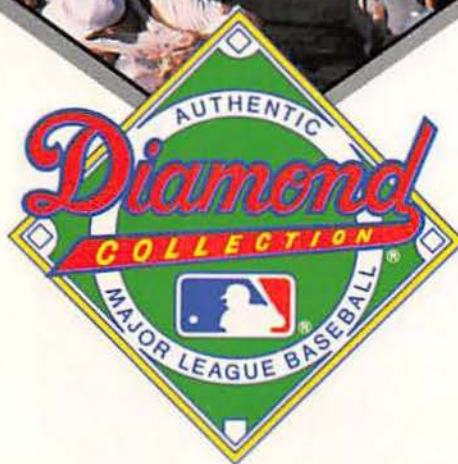
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time. Not a matter of if but when Bobby Witt would become a dominant pitcher."

The time has come. For more than two years, House and assistant pitching coach Dick Egan laid the foundation. They spoke about weight shift, body rotation, arm position, weight training, proper diet and other aspects of body movement. Then for two months, Witt sorted out the information at Oklahoma City, where pitching coach Jenkins is less a technician than a guidance counselor, basing his advice on a 19-year, 284-win big league career.

Witt made a few physical adjustments. He went back to the windup he used in college, raising his hands well above his head. He altered his move out of the stretch, cutting his delivery from 1.7 seconds to 1.4, a big reason why he gave up only four of 10 stolen-base attempts after his return, after allowing 53 of 57 previously.

But the biggest change was mental.

"Just being around Fergie was an education," says Witt. "He was out there (pitching) in so many different situations. I'd sit in the dugout with him during games, and he'd tell me what he'd try to do, depending on the situation. He got me to realize you don't have to strike out guys. If there's a guy on first, think about double plays. If you cut down on the pitches you throw, you are going to throw more innings. Before, I'd try to strike out everybody. He talked about letting your teammates do their jobs, too."

Witt listened. And learned.

"A future Hall of Famer made a lot of sense to Bobby Witt," says House.

As a result, Witt has gone from being a wild thrower to becoming an impressive pitcher.

"He might be the biggest single-season turnaround ever," says Gordon Lakey, who scouts the American League for the Toronto Blue Jays. "Can a guy be the comeback player based on the second half of his season compared to the first? He got a wake-up call in the minor leagues and responded. A lot of guys go to the minor leagues and get shell-shocked, but not Bobby Witt."

In neither of his first two major league seasons did Witt pitch the 162 innings required to qualify for an ERA title, but he led the majors in walks both years. In less than three years, he's second on Texas' career walk list with 384. And he was worst at the start of 1988, walking 35 batters and striking out only 30 in 36 1/3 innings before his demotion.

After his return, however, Witt walked only 66 and struck out 118 in 138 innings, including three games in which he struck out 10 or more batters. "With his kind of stuff, strikeouts are going to come if he throws strikes," says House. "They are not something he has to try to get."

Complete games are the biggest sign of



Scott Fletcher's all-around play paid off.

Witt's command. It's not like Valentine suddenly decided to abuse Witt's arm. He still has Witt on a 140- to 150-pitch limit. Witt just doesn't reach it. He's throwing no more, and in some cases fewer, pitches in nine innings than he used to in five or six. He averaged 19 pitches an inning in his first six starts of the season and 15 an inning in his last 16. That's a difference of 36 pitches projected over nine innings.

"It's not like a Rick Langford thing," Lakey says, recalling the former Oakland pitcher whose streak of 22 straight complete games in 1980 is the longest in the major leagues since 1904. "Oakland's bullpen was so bad, Langford was at the point where he was going to finish the game come hell or high water. Bobby Witt is finishing games because he deserves to be out there."

And, says Valentine, Witt came back to the big leagues because he deserved to be back. When he was demoted, the idea was for him to make a couple of starts for the 89ers and rejoin the Rangers before May ended. Witt won his first two starts at Oklahoma City but wasn't impressive. In fact, six starts into his minor league tour, he was 3-3 but had a 6.08 ERA with 35 walks in 40 innings. On June 8 against Syracuse, Toronto's top affiliate which Lakey happened to be watching at the time, Witt gave up nine hits and seven runs in six innings.

"That's why I'm amazed at what I've seen since he came back up," says Lakey. "At that point, I thought he had regressed even more. He was not throwing as hard as he had in the big leagues. And he didn't seem to have command of any of his pitches. I wondered how long it would take him to come back."

Valentine wondered, too. He wasn't going

to promote Witt before he was ready. Valentine wanted to see tangible signs of development. And those came in Witt's next five starts. He was 1-4 but allowed only 10 earned runs in 36 1/3 innings. He pitched into the eighth inning in his last four starts.

"I left him down to make sure that when he did return he was going to be different, a better pitcher," says Valentine.

Witt has learned to establish his fastball, which is consistently in the mid-90s, from the first inning through the ninth. He throws fastballs about 60 percent of the time, along with his slider and forkball. In the first couple of innings, he goes hard and harder at hitters. Then, when he slips in the slider or forkball, it's tough for batters to lay off.

"In the old days, if someone leaned on Bobby's fastball, he didn't want to throw it any more," says Egan. "That doesn't bother him now. He realizes his fastball is his best pitch. He reacts like a pitcher, not like a young kid who panics when his best pitch gets hit. He looks at the way to get a guy out as opposed to how to embarrass him. He used to try to make every pitch unhittable. If a pitch got hit, he'd try to be finer. Then all of a sudden he'd be 2-0 in the count and start to press. Now, he trusts his stuff. And he has that killer instinct."

The game in Detroit comes to mind. The Rangers rallied to tie the score 1-1, and, according to House, Witt walked along the dugout bench in the seventh inning with a promise to his teammates.

"He said, 'Get me one run and it's over,'" says House. "He has that overdrive now, like Roger Clemens and Tom Seaver, that you don't have when you're just a thrower. He has that competitive level he can go to late in a game."

"I always wanted to get credit for complete games," says Witt. "Before, I'd get a win and I'd be in the clubhouse, waiting there to shake the guys' hands. Not now. There's nothing I love more than going out there for the ninth, when we're winning, and finishing the game, and shaking hands as I walk off the field."

But the Rangers need to find ways for more players to congratulate each other more often. Since 1979, discounting the strike-shortened 1981 season, Texas has had only one winning season. That was in 1986, the first year of Rangers rebuilding. And since then it's been a decline, from 87 wins to 75 to 70.

This year will be crucial. The starting-rotation foundation is there. In one of the major stories of last December's winter meetings, Texas signed free agent pitcher Nolan Ryan (12-11, 3.52 with Houston) to a one-year contract. The Rangers will pay the 42-year-old former Astros' right-hander \$1.6 million this season plus a \$200,000 signing bonus.

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The contract also includes an option for 1990 worth \$1.4 million. Ryan will get \$200,000 if the option isn't exercised.

Ryan turned down a more lucrative offer from the California Angels, opting to stay in his native Texas. He is the all-time leader in strikeouts (4,775) and no-hitters (five).

Witt is one of several young arms getting ready to step in for Charlie Hough, who led the Rangers in victories (15) for the seventh consecutive year. Other starters include Jose Guzman (11-13, 3.70 ERA) and Jeff Russell (10-9, 3.82). Left-hander Jamie Moyer (9-15, 3.48), obtained in a nine-player trade with the Chicago Cubs, will be given a chance to take over for left-hander Paul Kilgus in the rotation. Kilgus went to the Cubs in the trade, along with reliever Mitch Williams, starter Steve Wilson, infielder Curtis Wilkerson and two minor league prospects. In return, Texas received Moyer, left-handed pitcher Drew Hall and left fielder Rafael Palmeiro.

In the beginning of 1988, the Rangers thought bullpen problems had been relieved by left-hander Williams. By May 14, he was 9-for-9 in save situations. But then things got rough. He made good on only nine of his final 18 chances, and Valentine quit turning to Williams with the game on the line.

With Williams struggling, the Rangers' bullpen crumbled. Texas relievers won fewer games (10) than any bullpen in the majors and had the highest ERA (4.48). They were 12th in the AL with 31 saves, with Craig McMurtry and left-hander Ed Vande Berg combining for only five. Cecilio Guante, acquired in a late-season trade with the Yankees for Dale Mohorcic, finished with 12 saves and a 2.82 ERA and is the strongest candidate for closing reliever. Hall (1-1, 7.66 with the Cubs) also will get a look.

The Rangers had a major gap in the middle of the lineup, where the lack of a proven run producer who can drive a fastball was exposed, particularly after the midseason decision to release Larry Parrish, who set a club record with 32 home runs in 1987 but was hitting .190 by the All-Star break last year. Left fielder Incaviglia, first baseman Pete O'Brien and right fielder Ruben Sierra, the primary 3-4-5 hitters, combined for a .237 average with men in scoring position.

In December, Texas sent O'Brien to Cleveland, along with center fielder Oddibe McDowell and second baseman Jerry Browne, in a trade for second baseman Julio Franco (.303, 54 RBI, 25 stolen bases). He'll take McDowell's place as leadoff batter.

Incaviglia, again plagued by injuries, played only 116 games but tied Rob Deer of Milwaukee for most strikeouts in the league with 153. Switch-hitter Cecil Espy (.248) filled in for Incaviglia (.249) in left field last year but will move to center this season.

Left-handed hitting Palmeiro (.307 with eight home runs and 53 RBI) could take over for O'Brien at first base and provide more consistency in the middle of the batting order. The Rangers hope Palmeiro, 24, will develop power to go along with his ability to hit for average (second only to Tony Gwynn in the National League last year).

Sierra provides reason for optimism. His 1988 season was termed a disappointment, but others should be as disappointing at age 23. Sierra hit .254 and led the team in home runs (23), RBI (91), doubles (32) and hits (156, a one-per-game average), and succeeded on 18 of 22 stolen-base attempts.

As a free agent, shortstop Scott Fletcher, who led the team with a .276 average, spurned a lucrative offer from Philadelphia to re-sign with Texas. His three-year contract is worth \$3.9 million, plus bonuses. Steve Buechele (.250, 58 RBI) was consistent at third base. Bobby Meacham (.217), acquired from the New York Yankees for outfielder Bob Brower, is an experienced backup at shortstop and second base.

Catcher Sundberg hit .286 with four home runs after being signed as a free agent in July. That allowed left-handed hitting Geno Petralli (.282) to move to DH, where he will platoon with right-handed Incaviglia and free agent Buddy Bell (.241 with Houston), signed in January. Bell also will be used as a pinch hitter and utility infielder.

Valentine thinks the challenge facing him goes beyond on-field efforts.

"The biggest challenge a manager has is to get guys to believe in what it takes to win," Valentine says. "We've had the same basic group here for three years, and they haven't grasped that yet."

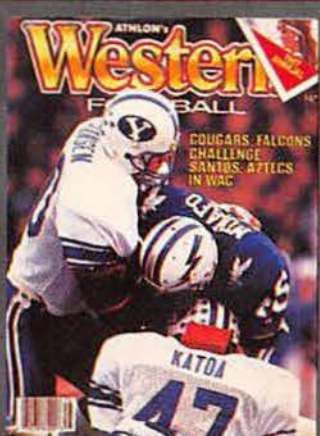
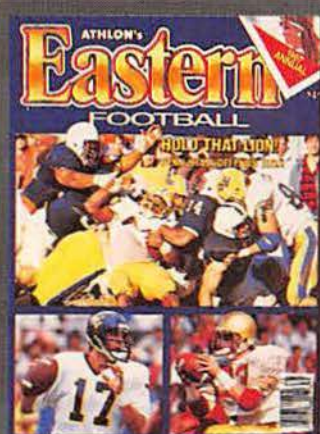
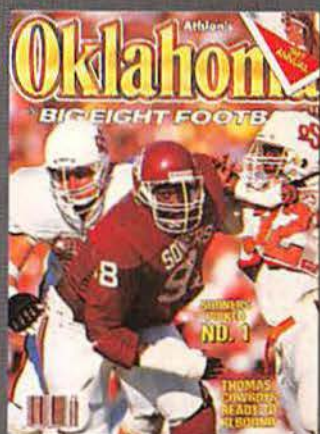
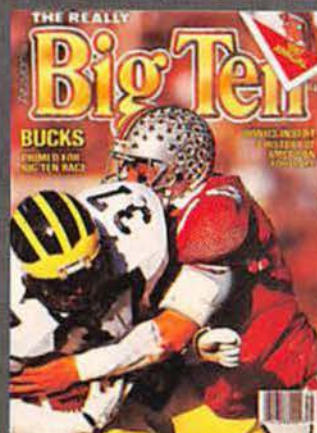
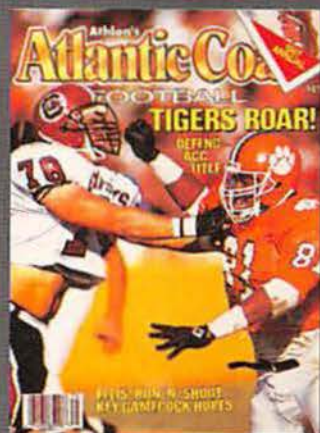
"Belief is like a religion. There is no tangible proof. It takes blind faith. My credo from 1986 through today is you have to believe in yourself, your teammates and the organization. In '86 the faith was blind. Money was not a consideration with anybody on our team. They thought the organization was doing them a real service, letting them play in the big leagues. Then they had a little time to sit down and analyze it, and some decided there should be more than that. My biggest frustration has been the inability to sustain that feeling of faith we once had."

The Rangers were one of the busiest teams in the off-season, making major changes via trades and the free agent market. But it remains to be seen whether the new-look Rangers can get that winning feeling back in Arlington Stadium.

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Nolan Ryan strikes out on a new career as a Ranger in the American League.





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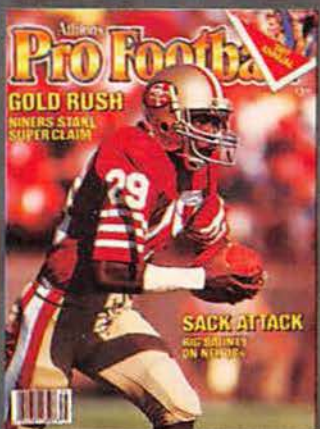
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Davis Takes Helm Under New Mariners Skipper

by John Owen
Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Al is a dirty word in Seattle. But kids line up to get autographs from Alvin. When a sports fan who hangs around the AFC West football neighborhood hears the name Al Davis, as in the Los Angeles Raiders' owner, he automatically assumes that his wallet has been lifted, somebody is about to level him with a clothesline tackle or both of the above.

But Alvin Davis is a local hero, probably the most popular and most valuable member of the Seattle Mariners' baseball club. As 1984 Rookie of the Year, he was the first Mariner to win a major American League award.

A couple of years ago, a Seattle sportswriter suggested that Alvin is a name suited only for small boys and singing chipmunks, and began to refer to the Mariner first baseman as Al Davis.

The fans wouldn't have it. Alvin Davis was that nice young man with the captivating smile who usually could be spotted around Seattle with a bat, or a young son, Jordan, on his shoulder. Al Davis was Lucifer, assigned to the second level of purgatory, which is also home field for the Raiders.

Alvin it is. Get used to the name. The Mariners plan on having it around for a while.

True, his run production dipped last season. But Davis, who averaged .295 with 18 home runs and 69 RBI, enters 1989 as the most productive and consistent hitter on a team that has labored on the base paths like a pod of gray whales trapped in an Arctic ice floe.

In the past year, Seattle's persistent deficiencies at the plate cost batting instructor Frank Howard, Manager Dick Williams and Vice President Dick Balderson their jobs, and once again deprived the Mariners of their place in the sun.

The Mariners are the only franchise in the history of the major leagues that has never enjoyed a winning season. Fans in Seattle are used to cloudy days. But this has been a 12-year eclipse.

"I have no problems with cynical fans," says Woody Woodward, new vice president and GM. "Drawing over a million fans to watch a losing team shows interest, not a lack of it.

"Fans know what's happened here in the past. They'll notice what happens this season. Most of them probably think the same thing I do: We're not as bad as we've looked. There is talent here. We have to do more with it, add to it, not just change it every year."

Says Davis: "From day one we talked about how much talent there is on the club, but something was missing. It may be self-image. I don't think guys realize how much talent they have."

Projecting a new, positive image is the assignment that has been handed to new Manager Jim Lefebvre. Such is his personality that the Mariners might have ordered him out of the Sears Christmas catalog.

"He's the type of guy who used to slap batboys on the back and ask them if they were ready," recalls Mike Paul, who served with Lefebvre on the coaching staff of AL champion Oakland.

"Big game tonight!" he'd holler. He wants to make sure even the batboys are psyched."

"My goal this year is to win the championship, period," says Lefebvre. "One of the problems I've seen with the Mariners, observing the organization from the other side of the fence, is that they keep saying, 'Some day we're going to play .500 baseball.' Mediocrity doesn't cut it. We have to start talking about winning championships, not just being a .500 ballclub."

And Lefebvre knows how he is going to win the championship in his rookie season as a big league manager. He is going to augment what he feels is poten-

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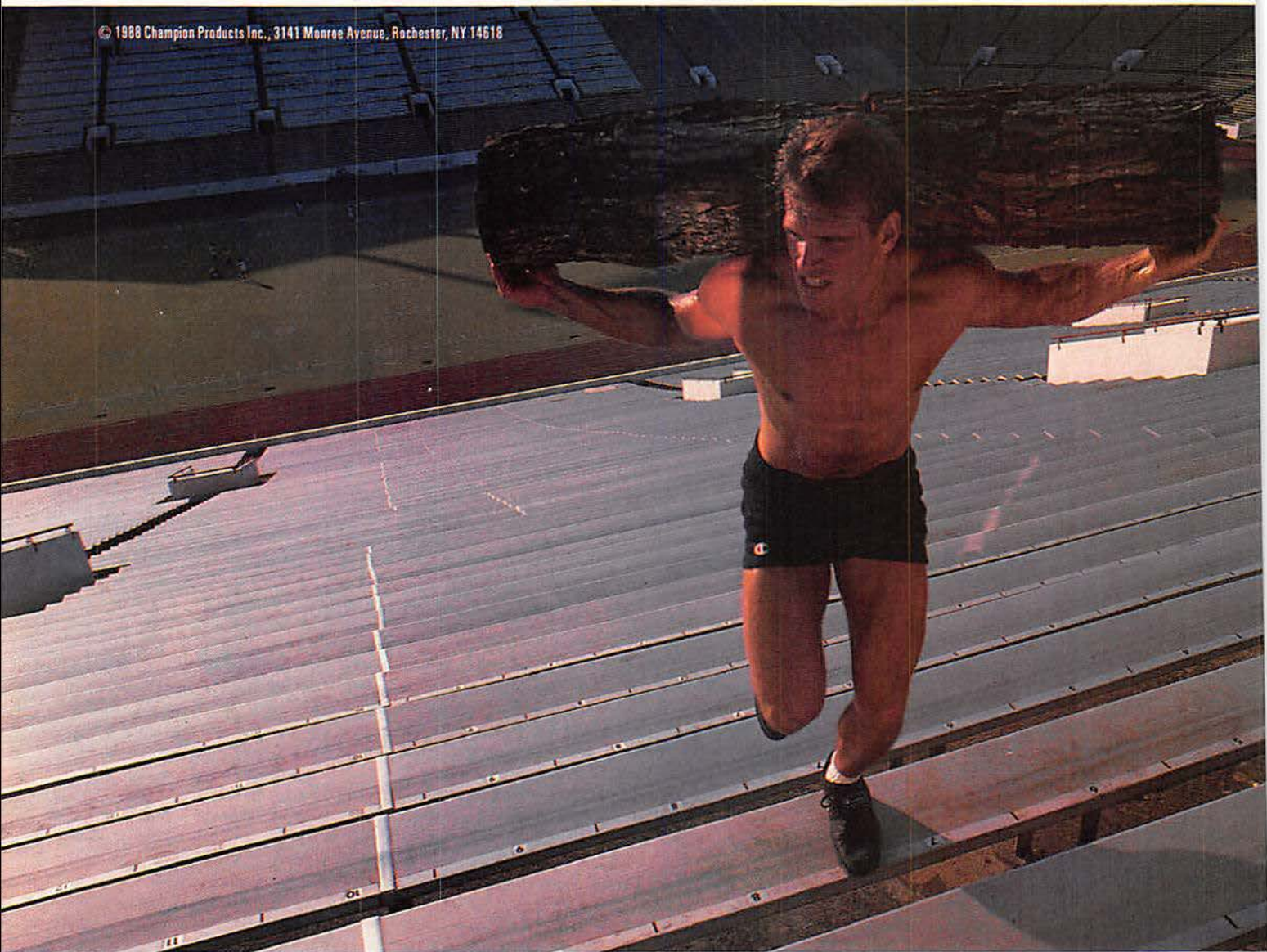


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tially a superb pitching staff with an offensive attack that will produce 800 runs.

"That's what we'll need to compete, because Oakland is going to score that many runs this year," says Lefebvre.

Since the '88 Mariners scored only 664 runs, their new skipper faces a challenge. But he faces it with a cocky grin. And he will begin the task with Davis as a primary building block.

"The reason Alvin's RBI production fell last year was because he had nobody hitting behind him," Lefebvre says. "We have to get somebody to stand behind Alvin Davis."

"Davis is a quality hitter. He is a producer, a winner. He has never played on a winning ballclub but he's still a winner. Davis, Mark Langston, Harold Reynolds aren't losers. They just haven't won yet."

So who will stand behind Davis this year? There are candidates but no proven stars.

One possibility is outfielder Jeffrey Leonard, but he'll have to improve on his 1988 performance: .256-2-20 with San Francisco and .235-8-44 for Milwaukee. He was signed as a free agent.

Steve Balboni, the veteran designated hitter who earned some Comeback Player of the Year nominations, led the team with 23 homers and was second to Davis with 66 RBI.

Mickey Brantley (.263, 15 HR, 56 RBI) is young, strong, versatile and still improving. He played all three outfield positions last year and had eight game-winning RBI.

Jay Buhner (.215-13-38) couldn't get playing time with the Yankees, but he became Seattle's everyday right fielder the moment he was acquired in a trade for Ken Phelps. Buhner batted .306 in August but slumped late in the season. He has speed, a strong and accurate throwing arm, and batting power. Buhner is one of only five players who have homered into the center field seats at Yankee Stadium. (He did it as a Mariner.)

Left fielder Darnell Coles, who also can play third, was reacquired by the Mariners last year and finished the season in Seattle. He averaged .292 in 195 at-bats with the Mariners.

Center fielder Henry Cotto (.259) launched his Mariner career batting .439 in April, and even though he tailed off badly, still set career highs in almost every batting category, including hits (100), runs (50), RBI (33) and stolen bases (27).

Third baseman Jim Presley (.230-14-62) and catcher David Valle (.231-10-50) have batting talent but are known as streak hitters.

So Lefebvre has been busy sorting this deck of cards, searching for aces. He still maintains he has a potential winning hand.

"Defensively, we have strength down the middle with Valle, (Rey) Quinones, Reynolds and Brantley," Lefebvre says. Reynolds was Seattle's All-Star Game representative and

first two-time All-Star. The personable second baseman batted a career-best .283 and led the team in stolen bases (35) for the third consecutive year. Quinones (.248-12-52) is equally gifted. He has great range at shortstop and finished with a .393 slugging percentage.

Lefebvre thinks pitching will be an asset. "You have to be impressed with the young arms this year," he says, pointing particularly to left-hander Langston (15-11, 3.34 ERA), who was second in the major leagues to Boston's Roger Clemens in strikeouts last season. Langston fanned a club-record 16 at Toronto and finished with 235. He was especially outstanding near the end of the season, pitching 34.1 consecutive scoreless innings Sept. 14 to 29.

Coming off surgery, Scott Bankhead (7-9, 3.07) pitched much better than his record indicated and could be a force this year.

Lefebvre also likes the potential of right-hander Erik Hanson, who was 12-2 in his final 18 games at triple-A Calgary before joining the Mariners last September. And Lefebvre is hoping for improved performances from Mike Campbell (6-10, 5.89) and Bill Swift (8-12, 4.59).

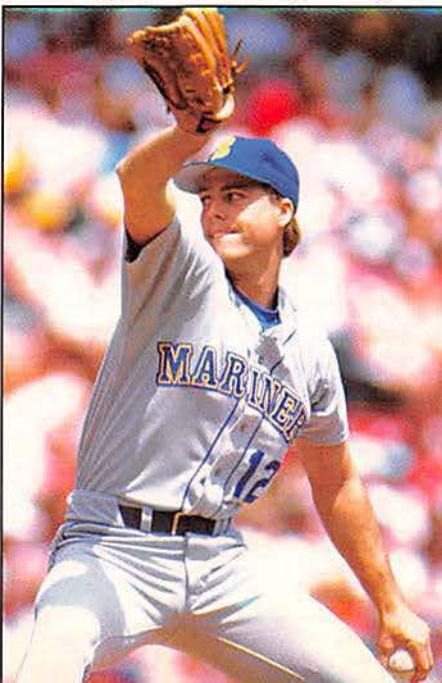
Right-hander Mike Jackson (6-5) led Mariner relievers with a 2.63 ERA last year. Rookie Mike Schooler (5-8, 3.54) was successful in his first seven save situations as a Mariner and went on to lead the team with 15 saves.

Tom Niedenfuer (3-4, 3.51, 18 saves with Baltimore) was signed as a free agent.

The left-handed stopper this year figures to be Bill Wilkinson (2-2, 3.48) since Rod Scurry wasn't invited back.

Lefebvre is not inclined to belabor past deficiencies of the athletes he now leads as Seattle's eighth manager in 12 years. He says

Mark Langston's career has begun to highball.



he once committed four errors in one game.

"After that game I got into my car, and it wouldn't start," Lefebvre says. "That was one of my worst days as a player, but I got over it in a couple of hours."

"I've never seen Jimmy depressed. Never," says his wife, Ruth. "If I did, I would be very concerned. Jimmy is a very up person. The only time he gets quiet is when he has used up all of his energy on the field."

Lefebvre's personality is almost the opposite of the soft-spoken Davis, whom the manager is counting on to ignite that 800-run explosion.

"Alvin is looked upon in the clubhouse as a leader," says trainer Rick Griffin. "But he is a silent leader. He doesn't say much and he's unemotional. But the players think very highly of him. So do all the managers he's played for."

The trainer offers another observation.

"Alvin has unbelievable eyesight," Griffin says. "We test all of our players. Our optometrist used to do a test where he'd put six numbers in a line and show them for one one-hundredth of a second. Most of the players could get three or four of the numbers. Alvin would consistently get six out of six."

And yet a couple of years ago the Mariners considered trading Davis when he slumped at the plate and was unable to judge many of the balls hit toward him at first base.

The problem was solved while the Mariners were still trying to judge Davis' potential value to the team. It was discovered that he has an irregularly shaped cornea in one eye. With contact lens correction, he now has 20/15 vision in both eyes.

Davis raised his average to .295 in 1987 and matched that last year. In his first nine games, he was walked 10 times but was hitting at a .354 clip in early May after Williams assigned the since-departed Phelps to bat behind him.

That's the potential that Lefebvre glimpses for Davis and for the Mariners.

As a former Los Angeles Dodger and Oakland Athletic, Lefebvre, author of the instructional text *The Making of a Hitter*, has seen a few batsmen. He even played four seasons in Japan and is one of the few who has performed in both the World Series and the Japanese championship series.

Lefebvre also served as San Francisco Giants director of player development. In 1983, the Giants' farm teams finished a combined 78 games under .500, worst in organized baseball. In his tenure, Lefebvre improved that record to 58 games over .500.

"The biggest thing I learned from that phase of my life was that you can change an organization by changing the attitude," Lefebvre says.

Agreed. Change the attitude. Just don't change Alvin Davis' name.

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Ex-Softballer Harvey Stands Tall in Angels' Hierarchy

by Mike Penner
Los Angeles Times

For the California Angels, 1988 was the kind of season in which then-Manager Cookie Rojas had a punching bag installed in the dugout runway to handle the heavy schedule of outbursts by frustrated players.

It was the kind of season in which an Anaheim Stadium crowd rose to its feet in roaring approval of an early-September extra-inning victory . . . by the Boston Red Sox.

It was the kind of season in which the Angels' best pitcher was a rawboned rookie discovered four years earlier while playing slow-pitch softball in North Carolina. He began the regular season in triple A, ended the season on the disabled list and pitched the Angels to their final victory, on Sept. 18, with 12 games left to play.

That pitcher was Bryan Harvey, owner of a club-high 17 saves, runner-up to Walt Weiss in American League Rookie-of-the-Year balloting and a lonely beacon in a dark and dreary Angel summer.

En route to their second straight 75-87 finish, California set a club record for most consecutive defeats by losing their final 12 games. As of Opening Day, 1989, Harvey stands as the last Angels pitcher to record a win. It came on his final outing of 1988, as the Angels rallied in the bottom of the ninth to squeeze out a 6-5 victory over Texas. The win evened California's record at 75-75.

The next day, Harvey was diagnosed as having two loose bone chips in his right elbow and was prepped for the arthroscopic surgery that ended his season.

Nearly as troubling as California's nosedive was the fact that the Angels, despite a most suspect bullpen, began the 1988 season without Harvey on their roster. Harvey was coming off a record-breaking winter in Puerto Rico, but because his springtime fastballs were not deemed up to snuff by the Angels' coaching staff, he was shipped out to triple-A Edmonton in early April.

California opened its season with a bullpen consisting of the much-injured Donnie Moore, an out-of-shape DeWayne Buice, a couple of rookies named Frank DiMichele and Ray Krawczyk, and a journeyman, Stewart Cliburn, who had last pitched in the major leagues in 1985.

What happened next was no surprise.

In the Angels' first 15 games, their relievers were handed 11 save opportunities. They blew eight of them. But it wasn't until Buice balked in a winning run and Moore served up a three-run home run during a three-game series in Oakland that Harvey finally, out of desperation, got the call.

He made his first Angels appearance of the season on April 22 and didn't allow a run until May 5, his sixth appearance. He ended May with an 0.36 ERA, didn't allow a home run until his 32nd outing, a span of 49 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings, and finished the season with 17 saves in 24 opportunities, a 7-5 record and a 2.13 ERA.

And that Opening Day bullpen? Only Cliburn (4-2, 4.07) was still around at season's end. DiMichele and Krawczyk were back in the minors before June, Moore was released in late August and Buice was removed from the roster at about the same time.

Harvey, however, doesn't gloat. It wouldn't become him, not with that thick-as-kudzu Southern drawl of his. A good old boy from Mooresville, N.C., Harvey took everything about his season in measured stride, including his April trip to Edmonton.

"I saw it coming before it happened," Harvey says. "I didn't have my good fastball in training camp. I think my best was timed at 88 (miles per hour). I should have been at 92, 93. I might've had a tired arm. I was coming off my first year in winter ball in Puerto Rico, and I'd thrown a lot of innings. By the time I got to spring training, I had no arm speed, no pop on the ball."

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"Luckily, I found it again pretty early. They put me on a weight program, I spent 10 days at Edmonton and there it was. Things worked out pretty good."

You might say that. Harvey allowed just one earned run in his first 26 innings with the Angels, and in less than a month, at age 24, he had entrenched himself as the Angels' closer.

"Our savior," Rojas proclaimed.

If the Angels had miscalculated on Harvey in March, it wasn't the first time. Since he was signed by scout Alex Cosmidis in August 1984, the Angels had never been quite certain just what to make of him.

Said Bill Bavasi, the club's director of minor league operations, after Harvey's startling success in winter league, "He's accomplished so much so fast that our expectations are still catching up to him."

As a prospect, Harvey was not your usual aspiring big leaguer. He was discovered on the softball diamonds of Mooresville (across the lake from his present home in Sherrills Ford), playing, of all positions, outfield.

By the summer of 1984, Harvey had been out of baseball for two full years, having dropped out of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte after his freshman season. Why? "I didn't like going to class," he says. Harvey got married, found a job in Mooresville and, for recreation, spent his weekends playing for Howard's Furniture of the local Super Slow-Pitch softball league.

Now, Harvey points out, this wasn't ordinary beer-and-belly softball. This was the industrial-strength level of the sport. "You can't get much higher than that," Harvey says of the league in which truck drivers and furniture movers put on spikes and swing aluminum bats like swizzle sticks, crushing ball after ball into oblivion.

"We'd go touring on weekends, trying to raise money, and all the people wanted to see was home runs," Harvey says. "So, we hit home runs."

That, pretty much, was life for Bryan Harvey in 1984: big-league softball, but a million miles away from the *really* big leagues.

And there would have been no reason for that to change, except that summer Mooresville entered a team in the North Carolina state semipro baseball tournament. A couple of Howard's players were enlisted for the team, and they, in turn, enlisted Harvey to pitch a game.

Harvey pitched, all right. He worked nine innings, blew away the opposition and created such a stir that Cosmidis, then an East Coast scout for the Angels, invited Harvey to a tryout. After two days of throwing fastballs consistently in the mid-90s, Harvey was offered a minor league contract.

The Angels decided to break Harvey in slowly and assigned him to the lesser of their two Class A clubs, Quad City, for the 1985 season. He struck out 111 batters in 81½ innings.

Harvey moved up the organizational ladder gradually: Class A Palm Springs in 1986, Class AA Midland in 1987.

After three minor league seasons, Harvey had struck out 257 batters in 191⅓ innings.

"He was just overpowering kids at that level," says Bavasi.

By the time Harvey had been assigned to pitch for San Juan during the winter of 1987, the kids had become men, the opposing hitters major league caliber. But the strikeouts kept coming. In 30⅓ innings, Harvey struck out 39 batters, went 2-1 with a 2.03 ERA and saved a league-record 18 games. He was voted the league's most valuable player, duplicating the 1985 feat of Wally Joyner, then an Angel minor leaguer.

And, like Joyner, Harvey would contend for the American League Rookie of the Year award the following season. Again, an Angel, Harvey, would finish second to an Oakland A, Weiss, as Joyner did behind Jose Canseco in 1986. On a better team, and in better health, Harvey might have won the award.

Relief pitchers are measured by the number of games they save, a commodity that was scarce in Anaheim last summer. By late June, Harvey's ERA was at 1.40 after 25 appearances, but with the Angels slogging their way to a 32-42 start, Harvey was left with only seven saves.

As bullpen mate Greg Minton put it after the season, "He's done his job better than anybody on this team. He just happened to have a job the team didn't need for a while."

In late August, the Angels' publicity staff, trying to get a feel for the upcoming rookie election, did some field research and found Harvey sagging badly in the polls. Anaheim was the hinterlands as far as the rest of the American League was concerned, and with the Angels out of sight in the standings, Harvey's name was out of mind.

Trying to remedy the situation, the Angels mailed out Bryan Harvey stat sheets to members of the media, contrasting his mid-September numbers to those of other AL Rookie of the Year candidates. Not surprisingly, the campaign caught flak in Weiss country. "We aren't selling soap here," said Oakland Manager Tony La Russa.

Meanwhile, back in Anaheim, Harvey was trying to do his part. After logging his 17th save, he set his sights on 20, a nice round number he hoped would strengthen his case. But he never got past 17. His arm was hurting and, on certain pitches, his elbow would lock. In his final game, he surrendered a grand slam to Pete O'Brien in the top of the ninth before benefiting from his teammates' rally in the bottom of the inning.

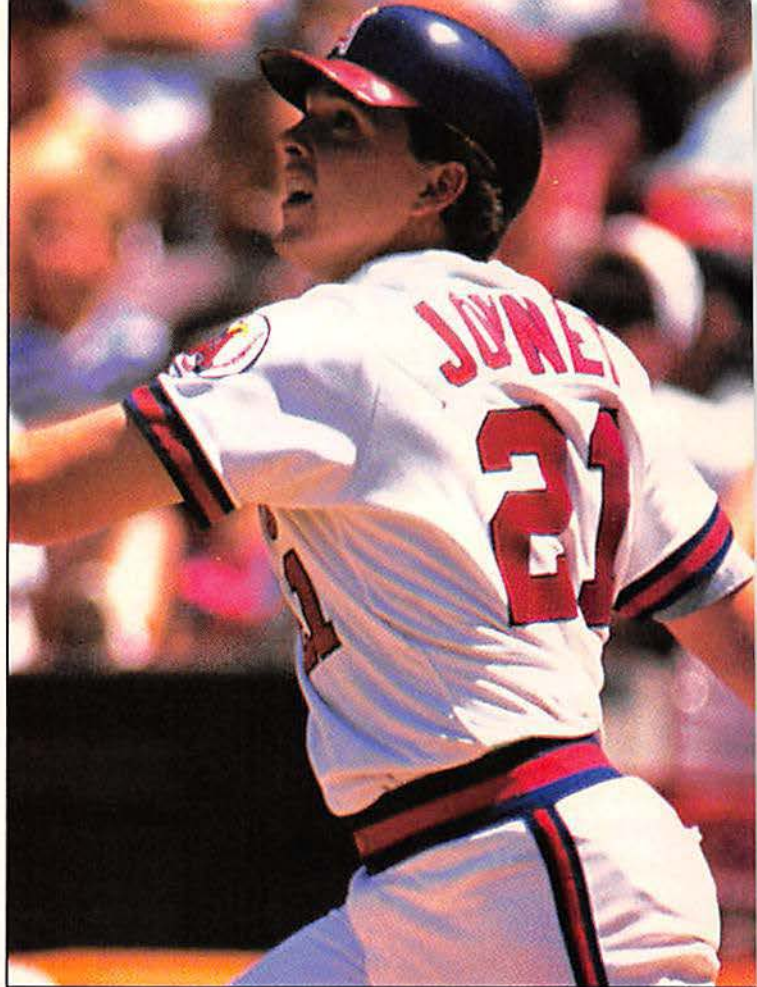
Before the week was out, Harvey was undergoing surgery. Angel team physician Dr. Lewis Yocum called the operation a success and predicted that Harvey would be

Second baseman Johnny Ray outhit teammates with his second straight .300-plus year as an Angel.





Chili Davis, the former Giant, ripped 21 home runs . . .



. . . and Wally Joyner hit 13, but frankly, the Angels had expected more.

totally recovered in time for spring training.

That's the hope, anyway. But entering the 1989 season, Harvey, the Angels' bright light of 1988, is a question mark.

Welcome to the club, Bryan.

What are we to make of a team that was 16 games under .500 on June 15, went 34-22 in July and August and closed out the season at 2-18, costing Rojas his job in the process?

What can reasonably be expected of Rojas' replacement, the volatile Doug Rader, who went 155-200 in two-plus seasons with the Texas Rangers?

Can the Angels, and their outfield seats, withstand a starting rotation that includes both Willie Fraser (12-13, 5.41, 33 home runs allowed) and the former Minnesota Missile Launcher, Bert Blyleven (10-17, 5.43, 117 home runs allowed from 1986-88)?

Will a winter's rest be enough to cure the mysterious nerve problem in Kirk McCaskill's right arm, an ailment that forced the Angels' most efficient starting pitcher (8-6, 4.31) to miss the last two months of the 1988 season?

Will Mike Witt regain his footing as the Angels' ace after watching, since 1986, his victory totals slip from 18 to 16 to 13, and his ERA rise from 2.84 to 4.01 to 4.15?

Can brittle Dan Petry (3-9, 4.38), who missed most of spring training last year with an injured back and then sat out July and August with a sprained ankle, stay off the dis-

abled list long enough to make a contribution?

Does Lance Parrish (.215), longtime Detroit catcher who was a disappointment with Philadelphia in 1987-88, have any Tiger left in his tank after being traded to the Angels? Is Bill Schroeder (.156), acquired from Milwaukee for utility infielder Gus Polidor, an adequate backup for Parrish? Bob Boone, an Angel catcher since 1982, signed with Kansas City as a free agent.

Can first baseman Joyner (.295) halt the power outage that saw his home run total dip from 34 in 1987 to 13 in 1988?

Were the club-record 19 outfield errors by right fielder Chili Davis (.268, 21 HR, 93 RBI) a mere aberration ("a season-long defensive slump," says Angels GM Mike Port), or will Chili challenge Brian Downing (.242-25-64) for DH duties?

Who is willing, or able, to bat leadoff? Last year, second baseman Mark McLemore was most willing, but he didn't hit enough (.240) or stay healthy enough (June surgery to remove a clotted vein in his right arm). Center fielder Devon White hit OK (.259-11-51) but hated the leadoff spot and remains too free a swinger to be truly effective there.

Who plays left field? Last year's Johnny Ray experiment flamed out by late May, and the resulting revolving door of Tony Armas-George Hendrick-Thad Bosley-Jim Eppard was inconclusive. Ray replaced McLemore at second base and finished with 83 RBI and

a team-leading .306 average. Armas, who played all three outfield positions, batted .272. Eppard, relegated to pinch-hitting and DH duties, finished at .283. Hendrick and Bosley are free agents.

Will third baseman Jack Howell (.254-16-63) be given the opportunity to find a more or less permanent spot in the batting order? He was bounced around in six different spots last season. Shortstop Dick Schofield was steady defensively but hit only .239.

And who will join Harvey in the bullpen? Minton saved seven games and fashioned a 2.85 ERA, but he's 37 and he, too, underwent postseason arthroscopic surgery, to remove loose cartilage in his right knee. Left-hander Sherman Corbett (2-1, 4.14) and Cliburn (4-2, 4.07) are strictly middle-relief types. Maybe Fraser, who broke in with the Angels as a hard-throwing reliever in 1987, figures here.

The farm system, depleted by the Angels' overhaul of 1987-88, doesn't appear ready to bear fruit, although Olympian and No. 1 draft selection Jim Abbott, a pitcher, was invited to spring camp. The top prospects in the club's organization can be found still learning their crafts in the lower levels.

Maybe the Angels had the right idea when they discovered Bryan Harvey on the forgotten fields of North Carolina.

Maybe it's time to scout some more softball games.

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Fisk Ready to Show White Sox He's a Young 41

by Joel Bierig
Chicago Sun-Times

"Carlton Fisk will be our starting left fielder next year. He'll catch some in emergencies, but it would be great if he didn't have to catch a game."

—Ken Harrelson, former Chicago White Sox general manager

On Aug. 19, 1988, at age 40, Carlton Fisk caught his 1,807th game, breaking Rick Ferrell's American League record. Less than three years earlier, the White Sox had tried to end Fisk's catching career with an idea straight out of left field.

Fisk hasn't forgotten. Neither have the Sox. After Fisk broke the record, management presented him with home plate, mounted and framed. It was the ultimate olive branch from a team that had tried to give his job to younger men in 1986 and 1987.

"Since 1983, they've been trying to tell me I'm too old to play," Fisk says. "And whoever made the decision to replace me was trying to show everybody that I was too old to play, or couldn't play. It's something I'll never forget."

Current White Sox General Manager Larry Himes, one in an endless line of doubters, has long since given up trying to replace Fisk, whose production is surpassed only by his popularity with the club's diminished fan base. Indeed, the Sox see Fisk as their meal ticket until they can rebuild the club for the new stadium they hope to have by 1991.

So what if Fisk is almost as old as Comiskey Park? Unlike the ballpark, which turns 79 this summer, Fisk isn't deteriorating. In 1988, he hit .277 with 19 homers and 50 RBI despite missing 70 games with a broken bone in his right hand and playing the last month with a painful bone chip in his left knee.

Seemingly a cinch to become the AL's starting All-Star catcher last year, he was off to one of his best starts before a foul tip by then-Yankee Jack Clark sidelined him with a broken hand from May 10 to July 28. In 24 games before the injury, Fisk hit a team-high .286 with eight home runs and 17 RBI. In his absence, replacement catchers Mark Salas and Ron Karkovice hit .222 with six homers and 18 RBI.

Outfielder Dan Pasqua hit 20 homers to edge Fisk by one for team leadership. But Pasqua played in 53 more games. Fisk's ratio of one home run every 13.3 at-bats was tops on the club and among the best in baseball.

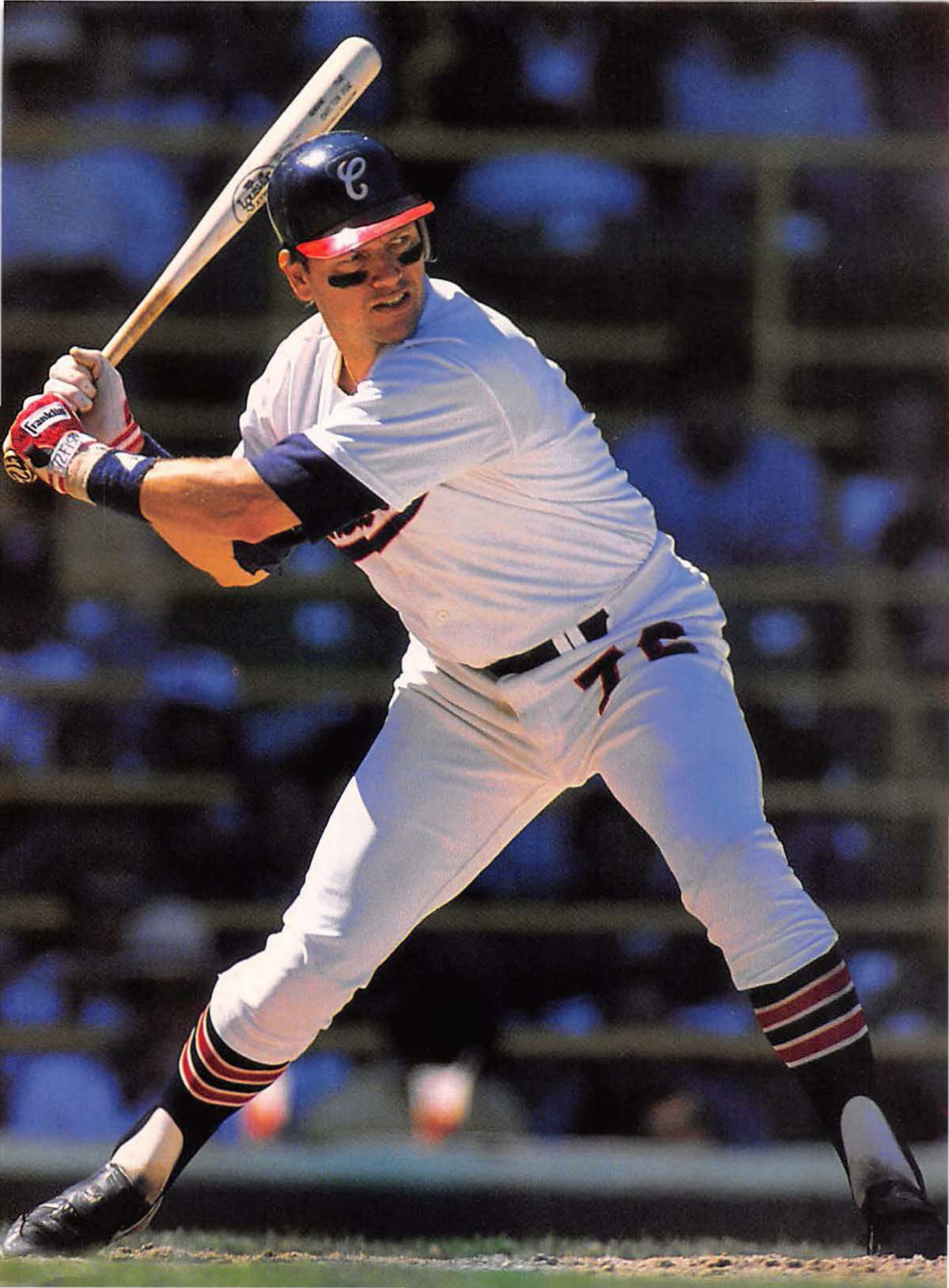
It's only natural to consider Fisk ancient. When he was a rookie with Boston in 1972, his teammates included Luis Aparicio, Carl Yastrzemski and Luis Tiant. The White Sox that year included Richie Allen, Wilbur Wood, Walt Williams and Carlos May.

"I've always worked hard to try to play," says Fisk, 41 last Dec. 26. "Commitment knows no off-season. I've always believed the road to success is paved by hard work, not by somebody giving you something. And that was pretty evident in '86 and '87, when they tried to give my job to a couple of other players."

Last year, for the first time in three springs, his bosses acknowledged Fisk the starting catcher. In 1986, then-Manager Tony La Russa and General Manager Harrelson, who didn't agree on much, jointly implemented La Russa's idea of making Fisk a left fielder. Not only would it prolong Fisk's career, they reasoned, but it would give catcher Joel Skinner a chance after three seasons in Class AAA. Skinner, however, couldn't hit. He was dealt to the Yankees for Ron Hassey, whose knee problems kept him from catching.

In 1987, with Himes having replaced Harrelson, Fisk opened the spring as a backup to Karkovice, then 23. Fisk and Hassey also were to be designated hitters. Karkovice hit .071 before being farmed out in mid-July. The joke was that he couldn't even hit Fisk's uniform number, 72.

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Fisk, though he didn't become a regular until that June, wound up catching 122 games, 102 as a starter. He hit .256 with 23 home runs and 71 RBI, including a career-high 17 game-winners. At 39, he became the oldest catcher in history to hit 20 or more homers in a season.

Fisk still harbors ill feelings, especially toward Harrelson, who had moved from the White Sox's broadcast booth at the end of 1985 to replace Roland Hemond as GM.

"I thought I was part of the franchise, part of the nucleus of the club, and I didn't feel as though he handled my situation very well," Fisk says. "He watched a lot of games and he probably had some ideas, but I don't believe he was the right person to institute those ideas."

The Sox are surprised Fisk has played this long. In 1981, they signed him to a five-year playing contract and tacked on a two-year personal-services deal. By 1986, they assumed, he'd be ready for broadcasting or coaching. "I wish they would think of me like they think of their other 'franchise' players," Fisk says. "I've never been viewed that way, thought of that way."

Fisk's tendency to speak out sometimes has alienated management. Some club officials and teammates have been put off by this stubborn, stiff-backed New Englander. They consider him aloof, perhaps not quite the leader he could be. Says Fisk: "I hope they say I'm a professional in the approach I take to my job. But there are those who probably think I'm stuck up, a little snobbish and unapproachable."

Few, however, can deny his flair for the dramatic. Last season, after recovering from his broken hand, he doubled and hit a home run in his first two at-bats, evoking goose bumps from the Comiskey Park crowd. The night the White Sox honored him for tying Ferrell's games-caught mark (he actually tied it the next night), he hit two homers. More goose bumps.

The night he broke the record, in Detroit, he had the first five-hit game of his career. Goose bumps again.

"What it means," Fisk says of the record, "is that I've persevered over the odds. I've had one career-ending injury and a few career-threatening injuries. I missed three years with injuries because of the position I play. I've also been confronted with a lot of organizational obstacles. This means perseverance beyond what is supposed to happen. It makes me feel good."

Fans get more chills when they realize Fisk has embraced southwest suburban Lockport, Ill., deep in Sox country, as his year-round home. Many of today's players prefer to live in warm-weather climes; they take their megabucks and run to far-flung homes, staying in a city only long enough to locate the

ballpark, the airport and the best night spots.

Fisk could have left in the spring of 1988 for a better team and a slight raise. An arbitrator ruled the owners had conspired against free agent movement in 1985. Thus, Fisk received another shot at free agency. Kansas City offered about \$770,000, or \$70,000 more than the White Sox had. It wasn't enough to make him pull up roots.

Fisk's appeal to the working folks who are hard-core Sox fans has increased in his old age, when he has rebuffed management's attempts to replace him.

For years, Fisk has captivated the public with his heroics. The lingering memory is the homer he hit for Boston to beat Cincinnati in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series. A television camera showed him trying to use body English to keep the ball fair. In his first game for the White Sox in '81, he beat his former Red Sox teammates with a homer in Fenway Park. In his Comiskey Park debut, he hit a grand slam against Milwaukee.

Many Chicago fans consider Fisk the manager of the future. Some thought the club should have made him a player-manager when former Manager Jim Fregosi was fired after last season. But Fisk, who believes players should serve apprenticeships before managing, never sought the job, which went to Jeff Torborg.

The White Sox have finished fifth in the American League West three years in a row. A key to improvement in 1989 will be to shore up the league's worst defense.

Their third basemen made 46 errors. Kenny Williams, a converted outfielder, had 14 in 32 games before yielding to Steve Lyons, who had 25 in 128 games.

Guillen handled the ball most among shortstops.



Himes made third base and second base his top trade priorities. The Sox would like to use Lyons (.269) as a utility man. Moreover, they aren't counting on top draft pick Robin Ventura to play third this season.

Torborg, a Yankee coach the last 10 years, hoped the Sox would land free agent Willie Randolph as a keystone partner for shortstop Ozzie Guillen (.261), the team's only All-Star in 1988. Guillen had 570 assists, breaking Aparicio's club shortstop record, and led major league shortstops in total chances. Randolph signed with the world champion Dodgers, leaving the Sox with switch-hitting Donnie Hill (.217) and Fred Manrique (.235) at second.

The offense will depend on the return to health of Fisk, right fielder Ivan Calderon (.212) and first baseman Greg Walker (.247). Calderon is recovering from shoulder surgery. Walker, meanwhile, will play on non-sedative medication after missing the last two months of 1988 with a brain inflammation that caused seizures.

The Sox added right-handed power in free agent Ron Kittle (.258, 43 RBI), who was AL Rookie of the Year with them in 1983. Kittle hit 18 homers for Cleveland last year, and his ratio of one per 12.5 at-bats was second in the league. The Sox plan to use him as a left fielder, designated hitter and first baseman.

Where Kittle plays most is contingent on Baines (.277, 13 home runs, 81 RBI), who, despite an off year, was voted the league's top DH. Baines, who says his balky right knee has improved, hopes to play 100 games in the outfield. That would help free the DH spot for Kittle.

Kittle might platoon in left with Pasqua (.227, 50 RBI), who hit all of his home runs off right-handers. Pasqua, however, will wind up at first base if Walker can't play.

In center, the White Sox will take another look at speedy Lance Johnson, a bust last season after being acquired from St. Louis. They can fall back on surprising Dave Gallagher, who hit a team-high .303 to contend for Rookie of the Year at 28. Also in the crowded outfield picture are Calderon, Williams and Daryl Boston (.217).

Himes believes his young pitching staff will mature. For starters, he's counting on Melido Perez (12-10, 3.79 ERA), Jack McDowell (5-10, 3.97), Shawn Hillegas (3-2, 3.15) and 39-year-old left-hander Jerry Reuss (13-9, 3.44), who led the team in victories last season. Bill Long (8-11, 4.03) is an effective swing man, and relief looks strong with Barry Jones (2-2, 2.42 in 26 innings) setting up Bobby Thigpen (5-8, 3.30), who had a club-record 34 saves last season. Other bullpen candidates include left-handers Ken Patterson (0-2, 4.79) and Steve Rosenberg (0-1, 4.30), and right-hander Tom McCarthy (2-0, 1.38 in 13 innings).

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(World Series continued)

Walt Weiss said of the whack of Eckersley's slider meeting Gibson's bat.

It seemed the work of Hollywood, with movie studios only 20 minutes away up the freeway, and it left the Dodgers revived, the A's fatally shaken.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," said Gibson, who later was named National League MVP but who would not bat again in the Series.

"I told you this was my dream team," said Lasorda.

The rest of the Series was a steady downhill road to nowhere for the A's, who went to the plate groping like men in a dark room looking for the light switch.

In Game 2, Hershiser fired a three-hitter to win 6-0 and got three hits of his own. Mark McGwire's ninth-inning homer off Howell won Game 3 for the A's 2-1. That slowed the Oakland descent and sparked hopes of an A's revival at home. But it was a mirage.

One of the first Dodgers to meet the stricken Howell after the game was Hershiser, who propped up his teammate with sound logic and advice. Did you make a good pitch? If you did, don't worry about it. If you didn't, just don't throw it again. Come back tomorrow.

Howell did. Despite having two starters out in Game 4—Mike Marshall and Gibson, and losing Scioscia in the fourth inning—the Dodgers won 4-3. Oakland had several late chances, but it was a rejuvenated Howell who shut them down, quieting the critics, the fans and any idea that the A's had a prayer.

Game 5 was the closer and a 5-2 breeze for Hershiser, who sang hymns to himself in the dugout between innings to keep calm.

"I just never wanted to let down," he said. "The pressure was really great. I never wanted it said after the streak stopped that I couldn't pitch with pressure."

The song the A's were hearing, meanwhile, was taps. Canseco finished with one hit in the entire World Series. So did McGwire. Hershiser outlit the two of them 3-2, and that spoke volumes for what Los Angeles pitching did to the hearts and minds of the A's.

Finally, this unimpressive, unimposing Dodger team had no favorite left to beat up on. The baseball world wasn't quite sure what to make of it all, didn't know what to make of things like Los Angeles utilityman Mickey Hatcher hitting as many home runs (two) as an entire Oakland team that had thrived for so long on power.

Baylor had doubted the Dodgers. New York pitcher David Cone had ridiculed them in a newspaper column after Game 1 of the playoffs. NBC's Bob Costas had talked of their anemic lineup. All it did was get them mad, give them a cause, send them on their way to a shocking upset.

"A team of destiny," Lasorda gushed for



Jay Howell overpowered the A's with a shutout save in Game 4 after losing Game 3.

the umpteenth time in the month of October. "This team should be an influence to everyone in the world. It shows what you can do if you want something bad enough."

"In August, we were winning games and

wondering how we were doing it," Howell said. "I still don't know how we did it."

Lots of reasons, starting with that complex, marvelous pitching machine named Orel Hershiser IV.

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A Pair of Post-Series Heroes

by Fred Russell
Nashville Banner

Rick Honeycutt of Oakland, who pitched three and one-third hitless innings in three games of the 1988 World Series and got credit for the Athletics' only victory, was roasted at a Multiple Sclerosis Society dinner in Chattanooga, Tenn., last November. Honeycutt is a Chattanooga native who lives there in the winter.

When Honeycutt was with the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1983-87, his closest friend was Series hero Orel Hershiser. Hershiser was invited to the roast with little hope that he would appear, since he had to be in New York City for NBC's *Today Show* on the morning of the dinner. Hershiser hurried on to Chattanooga, however.

"He charmed everybody," said Roy Exum, sports editor of the *Chattanooga News-Free Press*. "Near the end of the dinner, Hershiser reached on the floor for his traveling bag and announced: 'Fighting MS is a great cause. I'm caught up in it. Let's have an auction of some autographed baseballs I brought with me.'"

"Going for as high as \$300 apiece, the auction sweetened the MS pot. Other ballplayers on the dais, including San Francisco outfielder Brett Butler, produced some bats that were auctioned.

"Then Hershiser went back to his bag and came up with a jersey, the one he wore during the 67 straight scoreless innings (59 regular season, eight league championships) he pitched. It went on the market. The bidding was spirited. Finally, Butler bought it for \$3,000. Everybody present was overjoyed. The surprise auction had added about \$6,000 to the more than \$50,000 the dinner netted for MS. It was a night to remember.

"Hershiser and Butler started walking to their cars in the parking lot. There they spotted a young fellow, maybe 25, in a wheelchair. Obviously an MS victim who had been at the dinner, he was waiting for his folks. Hershiser and Butler chatted with him a few seconds. Then they walked on. Suddenly Butler whirled and went back to the wheelchair. He put the jersey in the young man's lap.

"'When you get cold this winter,' Butler whispered, 'wear this.'"

Grading the Rookies

Jefferies Voted Likeliest To Succeed in Class of '89

by Tom Pedulla
Gannett News Service

When the New York Mets' Gregg Jefferies was named by *Baseball America* as its 1986 Minor League Player of the Year, the then 19-year-old infielder wasn't at all bashful about his major league goals and dreams.

Jefferies spoke of duplicating the feats of Pete Rose and Ty Cobb, baseball's all-time hit leaders. Heady stuff for a teenager, even one who had batted a combined .353 that season with 16 homers, 111 RBI and 57 stolen bases in three minor league stops. Still, Jefferies' brashness caused a stir, and he tried to make light of the matter.

"Just kidding," Jefferies said.

"I don't know if he was joking and that's irrelevant," says Steve Schryver, former Mets farm director. "It's an indication of the lofty ambitions and goals that this young man has set for himself."

Indeed, it is. And why not? Jefferies, a native of Burlingame, Calif., has given every indication he can be a great hitter, from the time the Mets selected him in the first round of the June 1985 free agent draft.

Says Mets Vice President Joe Mcllvaine: "From the first day he stepped into professional baseball, Gregg distinguished himself with his offensive numbers. He's a mature hitter who hits the ball to all fields, knows the strike zone, has a low strikeout ratio, and he's got pop in his bat."

Jefferies allowed his bat to do the talking in 1987, when he was cited as *Baseball America's* Minor League Player of the Year for an unprecedented second straight time. He hit .367 at Class AA Jackson with 20 home runs and 101 RBI.

The average particularly delighted Jefferies, because it matched the lifetime mark of his idol, Cobb. In fact, the hardworking youngster adopted a Cobb-like pose—holding the bat with hands spread—for his Jackson Mets baseball card.

Jefferies has trained for greatness, following a demanding regimen laid out by his father, a junior high school baseball coach and scout for the Chicago Cubs. Jefferies' parents relocated to some of his minor league stops for several months each summer to offer advice when it was needed.

The place to be this year is New York, for Jefferies is ready for prime time. The preseason favorite for National League Rookie of the Year honors showed his readiness from the time he was called up by the Mets last Aug. 27.

Jefferies made his first major league start, against San Francisco, the next day and went 2-for-5 with a double and a run scored. In his first

chance at third base, he made a beautiful grab of a wicked smash.

Jefferies topped that in his second start, going 3-for-4 with one RBI against San Diego. But this was no ordinary 3-for-4. Jefferies nearly hit for the cycle, ripping a double in the first inning, a home run in the third and a triple later.

Jefferies' sweet swing kept producing. He was NL Player of the Week, batting .440 (11-for-25) with two doubles, a triple, three home runs, nine RBI and a whopping .960 slugging percentage in a torrid six-game stretch that ended Sept. 11.

"Within two weeks of his arrival in the big leagues, one newspaper had him as a Hall of Famer and another had him as Rookie of the Year," says Mcllvaine.

Mcllvaine balks at such hype, believing it creates unnecessary pressure.

"He is the age of a junior in college," Mcllvaine says of Jefferies, now 21, "and that's young for a professional ballplayer."

There are times when Jefferies does show his age, particularly in the field. He began his minor league career at shortstop, was shifted to third base, then tried his hand at second toward the end of last season. But the Mets insist they are not concerned about Jefferies' defense.

The Mets' Jefferies is all set for prime time.



"He can be a very fine defensive player," says Mcllvaine. "He has good reactions, good hands, his arm is fine. He's just way ahead of his time offensively. The defensive part of his game needs to make more progress, and it will."

While Jefferies is the rookie to watch in the NL—the Mets held him out of a late-season game to maintain his rookie eligibility—there is an equally strong Rookie of the Year favorite in the American League.

Like Jefferies, Milwaukee's Gary Sheffield is an infielder far ahead of his time offensively who still must establish himself with the glove.

And, like Jefferies, Sheffield made an impact on his club when he arrived late last season. After going hitless in his first 10 at-bats, the nephew of Mets pitching ace Dwight Gooden rebounded to bat .294 with three home runs and nine RBI in his final 10 games for the Brewers.

Sheffield, 20, was Class AA Player of the Year after hitting .314 with 19 home runs and 65 RBI in 77 games for El Paso of the Texas League. He was even more dangerous at the triple-A level, batting .344 with nine homers and 54 RBI in 57 games at Denver.

"I've never seen a player his age as advanced as he is," says Brewers Manager Tom Trebelhorn. "He handles the bat very well. If a pitcher gets him with a pitch one time, Gary has the ability to go up the next time and hit that pitch."

"I managed Rickey Henderson when he was about 18 at Class A Modesto, and Gary Sheffield compares to Rickey as a contact hitter. I know he'll hit and produce runs."

Sheffield played shortstop for the Brewers in September when Dale Sveum was out with a broken leg. Sheffield will battle the highly regarded Sveum for the job in spring training. Trebelhorn is also considering using Sheffield at second or third base.

"Gary is going to play somewhere," Trebelhorn says. "I had reservations about how he'd play defensively, but he came up and showed he could handle his position."

Mcllvaine may discourage Rookie of the Year talk involving Jefferies, but Trebelhorn doesn't mind putting Sheffield in that category.

"He's made the adjustment at every level he's played," Trebelhorn says of the Brewers' first-round choice in the June 1986 draft. "His minor league record is pretty good, and guys like that tend to be candidates for Rookie of the Year."

The Baltimore Orioles are the team most in need

of help after their 54-107 record, worst in 1988. For suffering Orioles fans who are accustomed to success, relief is on the way.

With the Orioles rebuilding around young pitchers, Pete Harnisch and Bob Milacki are two of the biggest sources of hope.

Harnisch was overpowering in the Southern League, fanning 141 batters in 132 innings while compiling a 7-6 record with a 2.58 ERA for Class AA Charlotte. He was equally impressive after moving up to triple-A Rochester, going 4-1, 2.16 in 58 innings. Harnisch finished the season with the Orioles and was more impressive than his 0-2, 5.54 in two starts would indicate.

What Baltimore likes most about the 22-year-old right-hander is his nerve. In Harnisch's first major league start, he permitted a third-inning grand slam to Boston's Jim Rice. Was Harnisch rattled? He retired the next 10 hitters he faced.

The gutsy Long Island native has been known to storm through the dugout, saying, "Get me one run and I'll win this game."

Milacki, 24, made a big impression in September, going 2-0, 0.72 in three starts. The Orioles' second-round pick in the June 1983 draft capped his year with a 2-0 three-hitter against the Yankees. Milacki, who changes speeds expertly, came into his own after beginning the season at Charlotte. The Trenton, N.J., native finished third in the International League with 12 victories and fifth with a 2.70 ERA.

Third base has been a trouble spot for the Orioles since the Brooks Robinson era ended. Their worries may finally be over. Craig Worthington, the International League's Most Valuable Player and the Orioles' first-round pick in June 1985, handles that position well. Worthington, from Pico Rivera, Calif., led Rochester with 16 home runs and 73 RBI last year in his second triple-A season.

Other American League rookies to watch:

Tom Gordon, Kansas City, RHP—A whirlwind 1988 season took him from Class A to the majors. His minor league record was 16-5 with a 1.55 ERA and 263 strikeouts in 185⅓ innings. Gordon's minor league record since he was selected by Kansas City in the sixth round of the June 1986 draft stands at 29-6. Gordon, *Baseball America's* 1988 Minor League Player of the Year, has been so overpowering with his fastball and curve that the Royals may entrust him with the role of bullpen stopper.

Robin Ventura, Chicago White Sox, 3B—The 1988 winner of the Golden Spikes Award as the outstanding amateur player in the nation, Ventura may make the jump from college (Oklahoma State) to the majors. Favoring such a leap is the fact that Ventura plays third base, a gaping hole for the Sox. The left-handed hitter averaged .428 in his college career and set an NCAA record in 1987 by hitting safely in 58 consecutive games. He was the 10th player chosen in the June 1988 draft.

Ken Griffey Jr., Seattle, OF—The only question concerning the son of veteran major league outfielder Ken Griffey is how soon he will be ready to help the Mariners. Some members of the organization believe the 19-year-old would benefit from a full season at triple A. Others point to the ease with which Griffey handled the lower minors and favor throwing the 1987 first-round pick into the major league fire. He batted .338 with 11 homers and 42 RBI in 58 games at Class A San

Bernardino, then hit .279 with two homers and 10 RBI in 17 games at Class AA Vermont.

Alex Sanchez, Toronto, RHP—The former UCLA All-American will receive a long look in spring training after his overpowering performance last season. Sanchez, a 1987 first-round pick, fanned 166 batters in 149 innings and went 12-5, 2.53 at double-A Knoxville. He was named that team's most valuable player even though he did not finish the season there. Sanchez, 23, was 4-3, 3.59 after a July 18 promotion to Syracuse, notching 57 strikeouts in 57⅓ innings.

Luis Medina, Cleveland, 1B-OF—Cleveland's ninth-round choice in the June 1985 draft opened some eyes by pacing all triple-A hitters with 28 home runs at Colorado Springs, despite being disabled from July 21 to Aug. 7 with a sprained ligament in his right elbow. Medina, 26, batted .310 and finished fourth in the Pacific Coast League with 81 RBI. He continued his power display with the parent club, slamming six homers in just 16 games. Medina's defense is suspect, though, and some still question his legitimacy as a slugger.

These rookies are expected to emerge in the National League:

Mike Harkey, Chicago Cubs, RHP—He has the best chance of outdueling Jefferies for Rookie of the Year honors. Harkey was *USA TODAY's* Minor League Player of the Year after posting a combined 16-4, 2.41 in stops at Pittsfield and triple-A Iowa. American Association batters averaged just .179 against him. Scouts generally agree that he has the best arm among minor league prospects, and his fastball has been timed in the mid-90s. Because of his size—6-5, 215—Harkey has been compared to Cubs great Ferguson Jenkins.

"He has command of his fastball and curveball, which is rare for a kid," says Charlie Fox, former Cubs superscout, now New York Yankees coach. "When he learns to get his change-up over, he'll be a heck of a pitcher."

Harkey was the Cubs' first-round pick in the June 1987 draft, out of Cal State-Fullerton, and the fourth player chosen overall.

Sandy Alomar Jr., San Diego, C—The son of former major leaguer and current Padres coach Sandy Alomar has the ability to be one of the best catchers in the game for years. A native of Puerto Rico who signed as a free agent in October 1983 at age 17, Alomar eliminated early doubts about his offense by batting .297 with 16 home runs and 71 RBI at triple-A Las Vegas. His ability behind the plate has never been questioned. Alomar handles pitchers well and is blessed with outstanding throwing ability.

Ramon Martinez, Los Angeles, RHP—The lanky 6-4, 165-pounder began last season at double A and finished in the majors. He is almost certainly there to stay. Martinez, a native of the Dominican Republic, has a 90-mph fastball and needs only to develop more consistency with his breaking ball. He was 1-3, 3.79 in 35⅓ innings with the Dodgers after going 5-2, 2.16 at triple-A Albuquerque.

Dave West, New York Mets, LHP—The pitching-rich Mets have another powerful arm on the way. West was arguably the International League's most dominant pitcher, with a 12-4 record and 1.80 ERA at Tidewater to go with 143 strikeouts in 160 innings. He has two things holding him back. The fourth-round choice from the June 1983

draft lacks control—he walked 97 batters—and his pickoff move is slow.

Randy Johnson, Montreal, LHP—The former Southern California standout is distinguished by his size—6-10, 225—and by his fastball, which zips along at 98 mph. In 83 pro games, Montreal's second-round selection in the June 1985 draft has fanned 453 batters in 426⅓ innings. Johnson was 8-7, 3.26 in 19 starts with 111 strikeouts in 113⅓ innings at triple-A Indianapolis. His control is still erratic; he issued 72 walks.

This rookie crop should exceed last year's, which was generally lacking in depth after Rookie of the Year winners Walt Weiss in the AL and Chris Sabo in the NL.

Weiss, following in the footsteps of Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire, gave AL champion Oakland three straight Rookie of the Year winners, a team achievement unprecedented in the league since the inception of the award in 1949.

While Canseco and McGwire are known as the Bash Brothers for their tremendous power, Weiss distinguished himself with his fielding. He is an acrobatic shortstop with great range and an exceptional arm.

Weiss made only one of his 15 errors after July 8. He handled 261 straight chances in 58 games without an error down the stretch.

He improved steadily at the plate to finish with a .250 average with three home runs and 39 RBI. But it was in the field where Weiss made the difference for the A's, helping them advance to the World Series for the first time since 1974.

After trading veteran shortstop Alfredo Griffin to Los Angeles to create a spot in the lineup for Weiss, Oakland improved defensively from 11th in the AL in 1987 to third last year. The A's slashed their error total from 142 to 105.

"If we had won the World Series, and for some reason I couldn't play anymore, I would have had an eventful career in one season," says Weiss. He more than doubled the vote total received by California Angels relief ace Bryan Harvey, who edged Boston shortstop Jody Reed by one point in Rookie of the Year balloting.

The hard-throwing Harvey registered 17 saves for the Angels and was 7-5, 2.13 in 50 appearances. Reed gave the AL East-winning Red Sox a spark after joining their lineup, hitting .293 with one home run and 28 RBI. Defensively, he was less spectacular than Weiss but committed just 11 errors in 109 games.

Cincinnati's Sabo topped Mark Grace of the Chicago Cubs for NL rookie honors, receiving 79 points to 61 for Grace.

Sabo batted .271 with 11 home runs and 44 RBI for the Reds. The third baseman slammed 40 doubles, third in the NL. His 46 stolen bases tied for fourth in the league and represented the grandest larceny by a Reds' rookie since Bob Bescher's 54 steals in 1909.

First baseman Grace, who hit .296 with seven home runs and 57 RBI, leads an encouraging youth movement for the Cubs. The Dodgers' Tim Lincecum, with a 12-6 record and 2.91 ERA, finished third in the voting, but his season was more fulfilling than Sabo's.

The exasperating Reds placed second in the NL West for the fourth consecutive season. With a boost from Belcher, the Dodgers won that division and ultimately sipped champagne as world champions.

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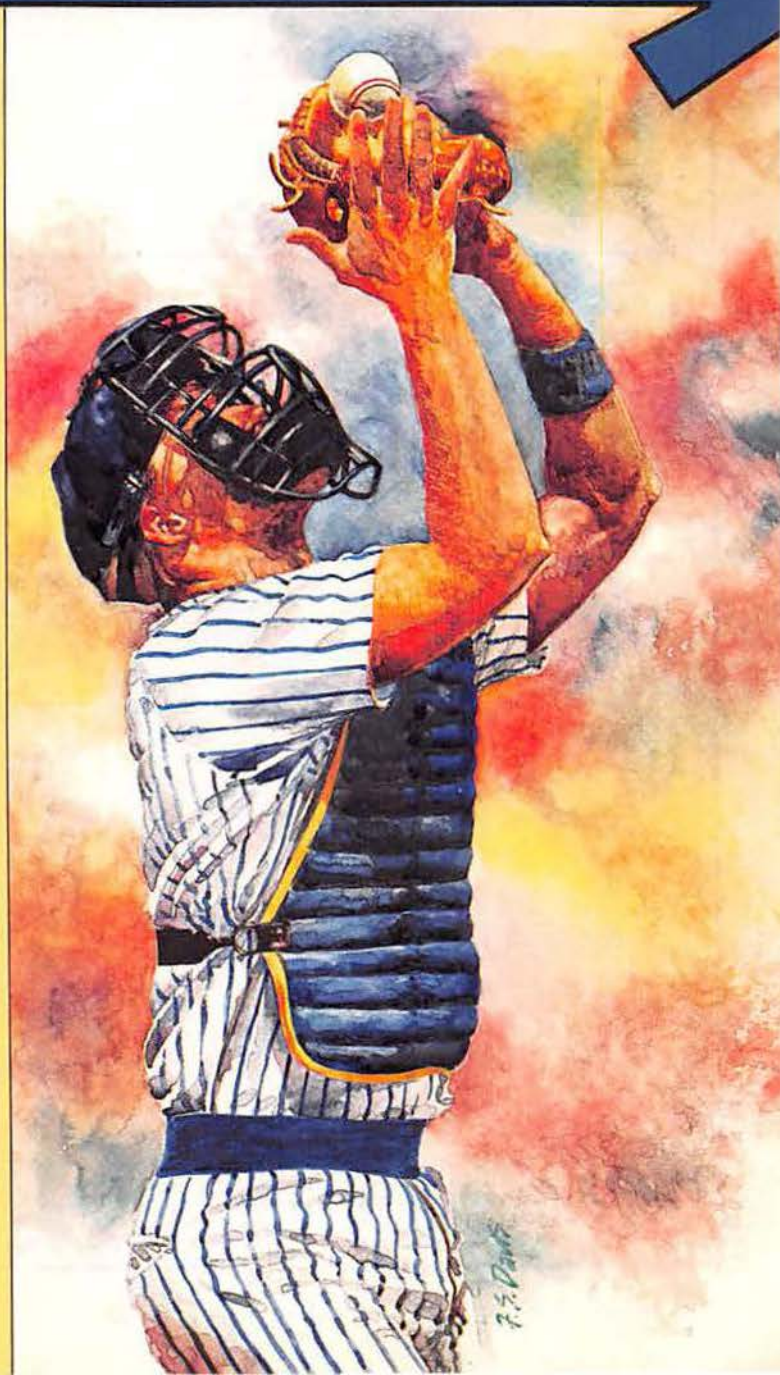
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ATLANTA BRAVES

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
40	Alvarez, Jose	R-R	5-11	175	4-12-56	Atlanta	102.1	5-6	2.99	5	Gant, Ron	R-R	6-0	172	3-2-65	Atlanta	146	.259	19	60
						Richmond	14.1	2-1	1.26							Richmond	12	.311	0	4
30	Assenmacher, Paul	L-L	6-3	200	12-10-60	Atlanta	79.1	8-7	3.06	17	Lemke, Mark	S-R	5-9	167	8-13-65	Atlanta	16	.224	0	2
37	Boever, Joe	R-R	6-1	200	10-4-60	Atlanta	20.1	0-2	1.77							Greenville	143	.270	16	80
						Richmond	71.1	6-3	2.14	28	Perry, Gerald	L-R	6-0	190	10-30-60	Atlanta	141	.300	8	74
48	Eave, Gary	R-R	6-4	190	7-22-63	Atlanta	5.0	0-0	9.00	12	Runge, Paul	R-R	6-0	175	5-21-58	Atlanta	52	.211	0	7
						Richmond	101.0	5-9	3.56	14	Thomas, Andres	R-R	6-1	185	11-10-63	Atlanta	153	.252	13	68
47	Glavine, Tom	L-L	6-0	175	3-25-66	Atlanta	195.1	7-17	4.56	15	Whited, Ed	R-R	6-3	195	2-9-64	Greenville	132	.252	16	62
33	Greene, Tommy	R-R	6-5	225	4-6-67	Richmond	177.1	7-17	4.77	Outfielders										
50	Mercker, Kent	L-L	6-1	175	2-1-68	Greenville	48.1	3-1	3.35	19	Blocker, Terry	L-L	6-2	195	8-18-60	Atlanta	66	.212	2	10
						Durham	127.2	11-4	2.68							Richmond	69	.226	2	9
82	Miller, Dave	R-R	6-3	200	10-17-64	Richmond	115.2	11-6	4.12	16	Gregg, Tommy	L-L	6-1	190	7-29-63	Atlanta	11	.345	0	4
						Greenville	72.0	5-4	2.50							Pittsburgh	14	.200	1	3
59	Nezelek, Andy	L-R	6-6	218	10-24-65	Greenville	133.2	7-8	4.38	1	Hall, Albert	S-R	5-11	158	3-7-59	Atlanta	85	.247	1	15
45	Puleo, Charlie	R-R	6-3	200	2-7-55	Atlanta	106.1	5-5	3.47							Bradenton	2	.250	0	1
52	Richards, Rusty	L-R	6-4	200	1-27-65	Greenville	147.0	10-7	2.63	64	Hood, Dennis	R-R	6-2	170	7-3-66	Greenville	141	.257	14	47
						Durham	3.1	1-0	0.00	10	James, Dion	L-L	6-1	170	11-9-62	Atlanta	132	.256	3	30
25	Smith, Pete	R-R	6-2	183	2-27-66	Atlanta	195.1	7-15	3.69	57	Jones, Barry	L-R	6-2	197	2-14-65	Richmond	35	.278	3	10
34	Smith, Zane	L-L	6-2	195	12-28-60	Atlanta	140.1	5-10	4.30							Greenville	101	.284	16	55
29	Smoltz, John	R-R	6-3	185	5-15-67	Atlanta	64.0	2-7	5.48	63	Justice, David	L-L	6-3	195	4-14-66	Richmond	70	.203	8	28
						Richmond	135.1	10-5	2.79							Greenville	58	.278	9	37
43	Stoker, Mike	R-R	6-3	195	11-11-66	Durham	147.0	8-6	3.92	3	Murphy, Dale	R-R	6-4	215	3-12-56	Atlanta	156	.226	24	77
42	Sutter, Bruce	R-R	6-2	195	1-8-53	Atlanta	45.1	1-4	4.76	6	Smith, Lonnie	R-R	5-9	170	12-22-55	Atlanta	43	.237	3	9
61	Weems, Danny	R-R	6-3	175	8-26-66	Durham	191.1	13-8	3.29							Richmond	93	.300	9	51
Catchers										Manager: Russ Nixon										
20	Benedict, Bruce	R-R	6-2	195	8-15-55	Atlanta	90	.242	0	19	Coaches: Bruce Dal Canton, Clarence Jones, Roy Majtyka, Brian Snitker, Bobby Wine									
8	Davis, Jody	R-R	6-3	210	11-12-56	Atlanta	2	.250	1	3	BRAVES BESTS									
						Chicago (NL)	88	.229	6	33	• When the Braves moved to Milwaukee, in 1953, Eddie Mathews led the National League with 47 home runs. When they moved to Atlanta, in 1966, Henry Aaron led the league with 44.									
56	Deak, Brian	R-R	6-0	183	10-25-67	Burlington	119	.246	20	59	• Pitchers Phil (318) and Joe (220) Niekro hold the record for most wins by brothers (538).									
Infielders																				
32	Blauser, Jeff	R-R	6-0	170	11-8-65	Atlanta	18	.239	2	7										
						Richmond	69	.284	5	23										
9	Denson, Andrew	R-R	6-5	210	11-16-65	Greenville	140	.268	13	78										

CHICAGO CUBS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
36	Bielecki, Mike	R-R	6-3	195	7-31-59	Chicago	48.1	2-2	3.35	1	McClendon, Lloyd	R-R	5-11	195	1-11-59	Cincinnati	72	.219	3	14
						Iowa	54.2	3-2	2.63							Nashville	2	.143	0	0
51	Blankenship, Kevin	R-R	6-0	185	1-26-63	Chicago	5.0	1-0	7.20	Infielders										
						Atlanta	10.2	0-1	3.38	12	Dunston, Shawon	R-R	6-1	175	3-21-63	Chicago	155	.249	9	56
39	Boskie, Shawn	R-R	6-3	205	3-28-67	Winston-Salem	177.0	13-9	2.34	17	Grace, Mark	L-L	6-2	190	6-28-64	Chicago	134	.296	7	57
42	Coffman, Kevin	R-R	6-3	206	1-19-65	Atlanta	186.0	12-7	3.39							Iowa	21	.254	0	14
						Richmond	67.0	2-6	5.78	2	Law, Vance	R-R	6-1	190	10-1-56	Chicago	151	.293	11	78
54	Gossage, Rich	R-R	6-3	226	7-5-51	Durham	19.1	1-1	4.19	23	Sandberg, Ryne	R-R	6-2	180	9-18-59	Chicago	155	.264	19	69
22	Harkey, Mike	R-R	6-5	220	10-25-66	Chicago	10.0	1-1	4.50	16	Smith, Greg	S-R	5-11	170	4-5-67	Winston-Salem	95	.280	4	29
						Chicago	43.2	4-4	4.33	11	Stephenson, Phil	L-L	6-1	195	9-19-68	Iowa	118	.293	22	81
						Iowa	34.2	0-3	2.60	19	Wilkerson, Curtis	S-R	5-9	160	4-26-61	Texas	117	.293	0	28
						Pittsfield	78.2	7-2	3.55	Outfielders										
						Pittsfield	85.2	9-2	1.37	29	Dascenzo, Doug	S-L	5-8	168	6-30-64	Chicago	26	.213	0	4
39	Kilgus, Paul	L-L	6-1	175	2-2-62	Texas	203.1	12-15	4.16							Iowa	132	.295	6	49
50	Lancaster, Les	R-R	6-2	200	4-21-62	Chicago	85.2	4-6	3.78	8	Dawson, Andre	R-R	6-3	195	7-10-54	Chicago	157	.303	24	79
31	Maddux, Greg	R-R	6-0	170	4-14-66	Chicago	249.0	18-8	3.18	30	Jackson, Darrin	R-R	6-0	185	8-22-63	Chicago	100	.266	6	20
45	Nipper, Al	R-R	6-0	194	4-2-59	Chicago	80.0	2-4	3.04	21	May, Derrick	L-R	6-4	210	7-14-68	Winston-Salem	130	.305	8	65
37	Perry, Pat	L-L	6-1	190	2-4-59	Chicago	38.0	2-2	3.32	15	Smith, Dwight	L-R	5-11	175	11-8-63	Iowa	129	.293	9	48
						Cincinnati	20.2	2-2	5.66	24	Varsho, Gary	L-R	5-11	190	6-20-61	Chicago	46	.274	0	5
						Iowa	3.0	0-0	0.00							Iowa	66	.278	4	26
41	Pico, Jeff	R-R	6-2	170	2-12-66	Chicago	112.2	6-7	4.15	20	Walton, Jerome	R-R	6-1	175	7-8-65	Pittsfield	120	.331	3	49
						Iowa	68.1	5-2	2.24	28	Webster, Mitch	S-L	6-1	185	5-16-59	Chicago	70	.265	4	26
21	Sanderson, Scott	R-R	6-5	200	7-22-56	Chicago	15.1	1-2	5.28							Montreal	81	.255	2	13
32	Schiraldi, Calvin	R-R	6-5	215	6-16-62	Chicago	166.1	9-13	4.38	Manager: Don Zimmer										
40	Sutcliffe, Rick	L-R	6-7	215	6-21-56	Chicago	226.0	13-14	3.86	Coaches: Joe Altobelli, Chuck Cottier, Larry Cox, Jose Martinez, Dick Pole										
33	Wilkins, Dean	R-R	6-1	170	8-24-66	Pittsfield	71.2	5-7	1.63	CUB CLIPS										
28	Williams, Mitch	L-L	6-4	200	11-17-64	Texas	68.0	2-7	4.63	• Ernie Banks hit 290 of his 512 career home runs at Wrigley Field. The only player to hit more homers in one ballpark is Mel Ott of the New York Giants, who belted 323 of his 511 at the Polo Grounds.										
44	Wilson, Steve	L-L	6-4	195	12-13-64	Texas	7.2	0-0	5.87	• In 1930, Hack Wilson set the major league record of 190 RBI and the National League record of 56 home runs.										
						Tulsa	165.1	15-7	3.16											
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI										
9	Berryhill, Damon	S-R	6-0	205	12-3-63	Chicago	95	.259	7	38										
						Iowa	21	.219	2	11										
7	Girardi, Joe	R-R	5-11	195	10-14-64	Pittsfield	104	.272	7	41										
10	Mann, Kelly	R-R	6-3	215	8-17-67	Pittsfield	22	.196	0	3										
						Winston-Salem	94	.274	8	40										

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CINCINNATI REDS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
40	Armstrong, Jack	R-R	6-5	220	3-7-65	Cincinnati Nashville	65.1 120.0	4-7 5-5	5.79 3.00	
38	Brown, Keith	S-R	6-4	205	2-14-64	Cincinnati Nashville Chattanooga	16.1 85.1 69.2	2-1 6-3 9-1	2.76 1.90 1.42	
32	Browning, Tom	L-L	6-1	190	4-28-60	Cincinnati	250.2	18-5	3.46	
37	Charlton, Norm	S-L	6-3	195	1-6-63	Cincinnati Nashville	61.1 182.0	4-5 11-10	3.94 3.02	
49	Dibble, Rob	L-R	6-4	235	1-24-64	Cincinnati Nashville	59.1 35.0	1-1 2-1	1.82 2.31	
31	Franco, John	L-L	5-10	185	9-17-60	Cincinnati	86.0	6-6	1.57	
52	Hammond, Chris	L-L	6-1	190	1-21-66	Chattanooga	182.2	16-5	1.72	
20	Jackson, Danny	R-L	6-0	205	1-5-62	Cincinnati	260.2	23-8	2.73	
53	Kaiser, Keith	S-R	6-4	200	5-24-67	Greensboro	186.0	11-9	2.52	
42	Mahler, Rick	R-R	6-1	202	8-5-53	Atlanta	249.0	9-16	3.69	
54	Moscrey, Mike	R-L	6-1	195	12-15-67	Cedar Rapids	190.2	11-8	2.74	
27	Rijo, Jose	R-R	6-2	200	5-13-65	Cincinnati	162.0	13-8	2.39	
33	Robinson, Ron	R-R	6-4	230	3-24-62	Cincinnati Nashville	78.2 3.2	3-7 0-0	4.12 7.36	
55	Roesler, Mike	R-R	6-5	195	9-12-63	Nashville Chattanooga	41.1 20.1	3-2 1-1	5.01 2.21	
56	Scudder, Scott	R-R	6-2	180	2-14-68	Chattanooga Cedar Rapids	70.0 102.1	7-0 7-3	2.96 2.02	
39	Sellers, Jeff	R-R	6-0	195	5-11-64	Boston Pawtucket	85.2 14.2	1-7 1-1	4.83 5.52	
35	St. Claire, Randy	R-R	6-2	190	8-23-60	Cincinnati Montreal Nashville	13.2 7.1 40.1	1-0 0-0 0-3	2.63 6.14 2.68	
46	Vasquez, Luis	R-R	6-1	170	3-23-67	Pawtucket New Britain	75.1 112.1	5-4 3-9	3.58 2.48	
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI
6	Diaz, Bo	R-R	5-11	205	3-23-53	Cincinnati	92	.219	10	35
9	McGriff, Terry	R-R	6-2	195	9-23-63	Cincinnati Nashville	35 35	.198 .216	1 1	4 12
57	Oliver, Joe	R-R	6-3	215	7-24-65	Nashville Chattanooga	73 28	.205 .248	4 3	24 12
34	Reed, Jeff	L-R	6-2	190	11-12-62	Cincinnati Montreal Indianapolis	49 43 8	.232 .220 .318	1 0 0	7 9 1

No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
59	Taubensee, Eddie	L-R	6-3	200	10-31-68	Chattanooga Greensboro	5 103	.167 .258	1 10	1 41
Infielders										
25	Benzinger, Todd	S-R	6-1	185	2-11-63	Boston	120	.254	13	70
51	Brown, Marty	R-R	6-1	195	1-23-63	Cincinnati Nashville	10 135	.188 .264	0 7	2 55
7	Harris, Lenny	L-R	5-10	200	10-28-64	Cincinnati Nashville Glens Falls	16 107 17	.372 .277 .338	0 0 1	8 35 7
58	Jefferson, Reggie	S-L	6-4	210	9-25-68	Cedar Rapids	135	.288	18	90
11	Larkin, Barry	R-R	6-0	185	4-28-64	Cincinnati	151	.296	12	56
16	Oester, Ron	S-R	6-2	195	5-5-56	Cincinnati	54	.280	0	10
9	Quinones, Luis	S-R	5-11	175	4-28-62	Cincinnati Nashville	23 114	.231 .276	1 9	11 53
17	Sabo, Chris	R-R	6-0	185	1-19-62	Cincinnati	137	.271	11	44
10	Trillo, Manny	R-R	6-1	164	12-25-50	Chicago	76	.250	1	14
Outfielders										
22	Collins, Dave	S-L	5-10	175	10-20-52	Cincinnati	99	.236	0	14
28	Daniels, Kal	L-R	5-11	195	8-20-63	Cincinnati	140	.291	18	64
44	Davis, Eric	R-R	6-3	185	5-29-62	Cincinnati	135	.273	26	93
21	O'Neill, Paul	L-L	6-4	210	2-25-63	Cincinnati	145	.252	16	73
36	Roomes, Rolando	R-R	6-3	180	2-15-62	Chicago (NL) Iowa	17 112	.188 .301	0 16	0 66
57	Snider, Van	L-R	6-3	205	8-11-63	Cincinnati Nashville	11 135	.214 .290	1 23	6 73
29	Winningham, Herm	L-R	5-11	175	12-1-61	Cincinnati Montreal Indianapolis	53 47 3	.230 .233 .200	0 0 0	15 6 1
12	Youngblood, Joel	R-R	5-11	180	8-28-51	San Francisco	83	.252	0	16

Manager: Pete Rose
Coaches: Scott Breeden, Dave Bristol, Tommy Helms, Jim Lett, Lee May, Tony Perez

RENOWNED REDS

- Johnny Bench, 10-time Gold Glove winner, hit more home runs (327) than any other catcher. He was elected to the Hall of Fame this year.
- Johnny Vander Meer threw back-to-back no-hitters June 11 and 15, 1938, the only pitcher to accomplish that feat.

HOUSTON ASTROS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
49	Agosto, Juan	L-L	6-2	190	2-23-58	Houston	91.2	10-2	2.26	
42	Andersen, Larry	R-R	6-3	205	5-6-53	Houston	82.2	2-4	2.94	
54	August, Sam	R-R	6-2	170	11-24-67	Osceola	30.0	2-0	1.50	
50	Childress, Rocky	R-R	6-2	195	2-18-62	Houston	23.1	1-0	6.17	
						Tucson	97.1	6-4	3.33	
38	Clancy, Jim	R-R	6-4	220	12-18-55	Toronto	196.1	11-3	4.49	
52	Costello, Fred	R-R	6-4	190	10-1-66	Asheville	76.0	6-7	3.55	
44	Darwin, Danny	R-R	6-3	190	10-25-55	Houston	192.0	8-13	3.84	
43	Deshaias, Jim	L-L	6-4	220	6-23-60	Houston	207.0	11-14	3.00	
31	Forsch, Bob	R-R	6-3	215	1-13-50	Houston	27.2	1-4	6.51	
						St. Louis	108.2	9-4	3.73	
41	Heathcock, Jeff	R-R	6-4	195	11-18-59	Houston	31.0	0-5	5.81	
						Tucson	79.2	3-5	5.08	
	Illesley, Blaise	L-L	6-1	185	4-9-64	Columbus	39.1	3-1	5.95	
37	Kerfeld, Charley	R-R	6-7	250	9-28-63	Columbus	64.0	2-7	4.50	
39	Knepper, Bob	L-L	6-2	210	5-25-54	Houston	175.0	14-5	3.14	
53	Meads, Dave	L-L	6-0	175	1-7-64	Houston	39.2	3-1	3.18	
						Tucson	46.0	3-4	1.96	
35	Meyer, Brian	R-R	6-1	190	1-29-63	Houston	12.1	0-0	1.46	
						Columbus	83.1	4-3	2.27	
51	Portugal, Mark	R-R	6-0	200	10-30-62	Minnesota	57.2	3-3	4.53	
						Portland	19.2	2-0	1.37	
36	Rhoden, Rick	R-R	6-4	203	5-16-53	New York (AL)	197.0	12-12	4.29	
33	Scott, Mike	R-R	6-3	215	4-26-55	Houston	218.2	14-8	2.92	
45	Smith, Dave	R-R	6-1	195	1-21-55	Houston	57.1	4-5	2.67	
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI
14	Ashby, Alan	S-R	6-2	195	7-8-51	Houston	73	.238	7	33
						Tucson	2	.000	0	0
4	Biggio, Craig	R-R	5-11	180	12-14-65	Houston	50	.211	3	5
						Tucson	77	.320	3	39
64	Eusebio, Raul	R-R	6-2	179	4-27-67	Osceola	118	.245	0	40
9	Trevino, Alex	R-R	5-11	180	8-26-57	Houston	78	.249	2	13
Infielders										
11	Caminiti, Ken	S-R	6-0	200	4-21-63	Houston	30	.181	1	7
						Tucson	109	.272	5	66

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
1	Candaele, Casey	S-R	5-9	165	1-12-61	Houston Montreal Tucson Indianapolis	21 36 17 60	.161 .172 .258 .264	0 0 0 2	1 4 5 36
27	Davis, Glenn	R-R	6-3	210	3-28-61	Houston	152	.271	30	99
19	Doran, Bill	S-R	6-0	175	5-28-58	Houston	132	.248	7	53
23	Jackson, Chuck	R-R	6-0	185	3-19-63	Houston Tucson	46 48	.229 .298	1 2	8 11
16	Ramirez, Rafael	R-R	5-11	190	2-18-59	Houston	155	.276	6	59
12	Reynolds, Craig	L-R	6-1	175	12-27-52	Houston	78	.255	1	14
Outfielders										
63	Anthony, Eric	L-L	6-2	195	11-8-67	Asheville	115	.273	29	89
17	Bass, Kevin	S-R	6-0	180	5-12-59	Houston	157	.255	14	72
28	Hatcher, Billy	R-R	5-9	175	10-4-60	Houston	145	.268	7	52
26	Meadows, Louie	L-L	5-11	190	4-29-61	Houston Tucson	35 85	.190 .254	2 5	3 43
21	Puhl, Terry	L-R	6-2	200	7-8-56	Houston	113	.303	3	19
60	Rhodes, Karl	L-L	5-11	170	8-21-68	Osceola	132	.283	1	34
2	Young, Gerald	S-R	6-2	185	10-22-64	Houston	149	.257	0	37

Manager: Art Howe
Coaches: Yogi Berra, Matt Galante, Phil Garner, Les Moss

ACCOMPLISHED ASTROS

- Jimmy Wynn, who hit a team-record 223 home runs from 1963 through 1973, has hit more (93) in the Astrodome than any other player.
- In 1978, J.R. Richard struck out 303 batters to become the first National League right-hander to strike out 300 batters in a season. A year later he had 313.
- In 1973, Cesar Cedeno became the first player in the majors to steal 50 bases and hit 20 homers in successive seasons. He is the Astros' career stolen-base leader (487) and is second in home runs (163).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA
49	Belcher, Tim	R-R	6-3	210	10-19-61	Los Angeles	179.2	12-6	2.91
52	Crews, Tim	R-R	6-0	192	4-3-61	Albuquerque	167.1	14-8	3.82
43	Hartley, Mike	R-R	6-1	192	8-31-61	Los Angeles	71.2	4-0	3.14
55	Hershiser, Orel	R-R	6-3	192	9-16-58	Albuquerque	13.1	1-1	2.70
29	Horton, Ricky	L-L	6-2	195	7-30-59	San Antonio	20.2	2-2	4.35
50	Howell, Jay	R-R	6-3	205	11-26-55	Chicago (AL)	45.0	5-1	0.80
54	Leary, Tim	R-R	6-3	208	12-23-58	Los Angeles	267.0	23-8	2.26
48	Martinez, Ramon	R-R	6-4	172	3-22-68	Los Angeles	9.0	1-1	5.00
56	Munoz, Mike	L-L	6-2	190	7-12-65	Los Angeles	109.1	6-10	4.86
26	Pena, Alejandro	R-R	6-1	204	6-25-59	Los Angeles	65.0	5-3	2.08
59	Searage, Ray	R-R	6-1	180	5-1-55	Los Angeles	228.2	17-11	2.91
30	Tudor, John	L-L	6-0	185	2-2-54	Los Angeles	35.2	1-3	3.79
34	Valenzuela, Fernando	L-L	5-11	206	11-1-60	Albuquerque	58.2	5-2	2.76
57	Wetteland, John	R-R	6-2	195	8-22-66	San Antonio	95.0	8-4	2.46

Catchers					G	Avg.	HR	RBI		
17	Dempsey, Rick	R-R	6-0	185	9-13-49	Los Angeles	77	.251	7	30
41	Hernandez, Carlos	R-R	5-11	185	5-24-67	Albuquerque	3	.125	0	1
						Bakersfield	92	.309	5	52
15	Reyes, Gilberto	R-R	6-2	199	12-10-63	Los Angeles	5	.111	0	0
						Albuquerque	98	.292	12	66
14	Scioscia, Mike	L-R	6-2	223	11-27-58	Los Angeles	130	.257	3	35

Infielders									
10	Anderson, Dave	R-R	6-2	191	8-1-60	Los Angeles	116	.249	2 20
25	Duncan, Mariano	S-R	6-0	190	3-13-63	Albuquerque	56	.286	0 25
7	Griffin, Alfredo	S-R	5-11	165	3-6-57	Los Angeles	95	.199	1 27
33	Hamilton, Jeff	R-R	6-3	214	3-19-64	Los Angeles	111	.236	6 33

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
28	Hansen, Dave	L-R	6-0	180	11-24-68	Vero Beach	135	.291	7	81
9	Hatcher, Mickey	R-R	6-2	202	3-15-55	Los Angeles	87	.293	1	25
33	Murray, Eddie	S-R	6-2	225	2-24-56	Baltimore	161	.284	28	84
20	Randolph, Willie	R-R	5-11	170	7-6-54	New York (AL)	110	.230	2	34
27	Sharperson, Mike	R-R	6-3	185	10-4-61	Los Angeles	46	.271	0	4
						Albuquerque	56	.319	0	30
22	Stubbs, Franklin	L-L	6-2	218	10-21-60	Los Angeles	115	.223	8	34
44	Vizcaino, Jose	S-R	6-1	150	3-26-68	Bakersfield	122	.290	0	38
21	Woodson, Tracy	R-R	6-3	215	10-5-62	Los Angeles	64	.249	3	15
						Albuquerque	85	.319	17	73

Outfielders

37 Davis, Mike	L-L	6-3	185	6-11-59	Los Angeles	108	.196	2	17
40 Devereaux, Mike	R-R	6-0	195	4-10-63	Los Angeles	30	.116	0	2
23 Gibson, Kirk	L-L	6-3	215	5-28-57	Albuquerque	109	.340	13	76
38 Gonzalez, Jose	R-R	6-2	196	11-23-64	Los Angeles	150	.290	25	76
45 Gwynn, Chris	L-L	6-0	200	10-13-64	Los Angeles	37	.083	0	0
5 Marshall, Mike	R-R	6-5	218	1-12-60	Albuquerque	84	.306	5	22
31 Shelby, John	S-R	6-1	177	2-23-58	Los Angeles	12	.182	0	0
					Albuquerque	112	.299	5	61
					Los Angeles	144	.277	20	82
					Los Angeles	140	.263	10	64

Manager: Tom Lasorda

Coaches: Joe Amalfitano, Mark Cresse, Joe Ferguson, Ben Hines, Manny Mota, Ron Perranoski, Bill Russell

DANDY DODGERS

- Sandy Koufax, three-time Cy Young Award winner and Player of the Decade in the 1960s, led the National League in ERA for five straight years (1962-66), a major league record.
- In 1962, Maury Wills set the Dodgers' season record for stolen bases (104) and tied Wee Willie Keeler's club mark for singles (179).

MONTREAL EXPOS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA
44	Burke, Tim	R-R	6-3	200	2-19-59	Montreal	82.0	3-5	3.40
64	Bottenfield, Kent	S-R	6-3	215	11-14-68	W. Palm Beach	181.0	10-8	3.33
56	Gardner, Mark	R-R	6-1	190	3-1-62	Indianapolis	84.1	4-2	2.77
46	Gross, Kevin	R-R	6-5	215	6-8-61	Jacksonville	112.1	6-3	1.60
61	Harris, Gene	R-R	5-11	190	12-5-64	Philadelphia	231.2	12-14	3.69
26	Heaton, Neal	L-L	6-1	195	3-3-60	Jacksonville	126.2	9-5	2.63
38	Hesketh, Joe	L-L	6-2	170	2-15-59	Montreal	97.1	3-10	4.99
59	Holman, Brian	R-R	6-4	185	1-25-65	Montreal	72.2	4-3	2.85
51	Johnson, Randy	R-L	6-10	225	9-10-63	Montreal	11.0	0-0	3.27
63	Leon, Danilo	R-R	6-1	150	4-3-67	Indianapolis	100.1	4-8	3.23
32	Martinez, Dennis	R-R	6-1	180	5-14-55	Indianapolis	91.1	8-1	2.36
27	McGaffigan, Andy	R-R	6-3	190	10-25-56	Montreal	26.0	3-0	2.42
47	Pacillo, Pat	R-R	6-2	210	7-23-63	Indianapolis	113.1	8-7	3.26
34	Perez, Pascual	R-R	6-3	180	5-17-57	W. Palm Beach	14.0	0-0	3.21
39	Sauveur, Rich	L-L	6-4	170	11-23-63	Jamestown	116.0	10-3	1.16
28	Smith, Bryn	R-R	6-2	205	8-11-55	Montreal	235.1	15-13	2.72
46	Valdez, Sergio	R-R	6-1	190	9-7-65	Montreal	91.1	6-0	2.76

Catchers						G	Avg.	HR	RBI	
20	Fitzgerald, Mike	R-R	5-11	190	7-13-60	Montreal	63	.271	5	23
						Indianapolis	32	.250	1	13
22	Santovenia, Nelson	R-R	6-3	220	7-27-61	Montreal	92	.236	8	41
						Indianapolis	27	.308	2	13

Infielders									
62	Blowers, Mike	R-R	6-2	190	4-24-65	Jacksonville	137	.250	15 60
16	Foley, Tom	L-R	6-1	180	9-9-59	Montreal	127	.265	5 43
14	Galarraga, Andres	R-R	6-3	235	6-18-61	Montreal	157	.302	29 92

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
25	Hudler, Rex	R-R	6-2	180	9-2-60	Montreal	77	.273	4	14
15	Huson, Jeff	L-R	6-3	170	8-15-64	Indianapolis	67	.303	7	25
						Montreal	20	.310	0	3
						Jacksonville	128	.251	0	34
6	Johnson, Wallace	S-R	5-11	185	12-25-56	Montreal	86	.309	0	3
23	O'Malley, Tom	L-R	6-0	190	12-25-60	Montreal	14	.259	0	2
11	Owen, Spike	S-R	5-10	167	4-19-61	Oklahoma City	138	.291	9	72
						Boston	89	.249	5	18
5	Paredes, Johnny	R-R	5-11	165	9-2-62	Montreal	35	.187	1	10
29	Wallach, Tim	R-R	6-3	200	9-14-57	Indianapolis	101	.295	4	46
						Montreal	159	.257	12	69
						Montreal	Injured—did not play			

Manager: Buck Rodgers

Coaches: Larry Bearnarth, Ron Hansen, Rafael Landestoy, Ken Macha, Jackie Moore, Joe Sparks

EXCELLENT EXPOS

- On April 17, 1969, nine days after the Expos' major league debut, Bill Stoneman threw the team's first no-hitter, against Philadelphia.
- Mike Gates, Tim Raines and Tim Wallach hit consecutive triples in the ninth inning on May 6, 1981, tying a National League record.

NEW YORK METS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
15	Aguilera, Rick	R-R	6-5	200	12-31-61	New York	24.2	0-4	6.93	
						Tidewater	6.0	0-0	1.50	
						St. Lucie	7.0	0-0	1.29	
64	Beatty, Blaine	L-L	6-2	185	4-25-64	Jackson	208.2	16-8	2.46	
55	Bross, Terry	R-R	6-9	234	3-30-66	Little Falls	55.1	2-1	3.09	
62	Brown, Kevin	L-L	6-1	185	3-5-66	Jackson	32.2	1-2	2.20	
						St. Lucie	134.0	5-7	1.81	
44	Cone, David	L-R	6-1	185	1-2-63	New York	231.1	20-3	2.22	
12	Darling, Ron	R-R	6-3	195	8-19-60	New York	240.2	17-9	3.25	
63	Drummond, Tim	R-R	6-3	170	12-24-64	Tidewater	82.1	6-3	3.28	
50	Fernandez, Sid	L-L	6-1	230	10-12-62	New York	187.0	12-10	3.03	
36	Givens, Brian	R-L	6-5	220	11-6-65	Jackson	164.1	6-14	3.78	
16	Gooden, Dwight	R-R	6-3	203	11-16-64	New York	248.1	18-9	3.19	
26	Leach, Terry	R-R	6-0	191	3-13-54	New York	92.0	7-2	2.54	
42	McDowell, Roger	R-R	6-1	185	12-21-60	New York	89.0	5-5	2.63	
43	Mitchell, John	R-R	6-2	195	8-11-65	New York	1.0	0-0	0.00	
						Tidewater	190.0	10-9	2.84	
48	Myers, Randy	L-L	6-1	208	9-19-62	New York	68.0	7-3	1.72	
45	Nunez, Edwin	R-R	6-5	240	5-27-63	New York	14.0	1-0	4.50	
						Seattle	29.1	1-4	7.98	
19	Ojeda, Bob	L-L	6-1	195	12-17-57	New York	190.1	10-13	2.88	
23	Savage, Jack	R-R	6-0	185	4-22-64	Tidewater	88.1	5-8	3.16	
65	Tapani, Kevin	R-R	6-0	180	2-18-64	Jackson	62.1	5-1	2.74	
						St. Lucie	19.0	1-0	1.42	
46	West, Dave	L-L	6-6	220	9-1-64	New York	6.0	1-0	3.00	
						Tidewater	160.1	12-4	1.80	
47	Whitehurst, Wally	R-R	6-3	180	4-11-64	Tidewater	165.0	10-11	3.05	
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI
8	Carter, Gary	R-R	6-2	214	4-8-54	New York	130	.242	11	46
39	Lombardi, Phil	R-R	6-2	205	2-20-63	Tidewater	85	.308	9	44
33	Lyons, Barry	R-R	6-1	202	6-30-60	New York	50	.231	0	11
2	Sasser, Mackey	L-R	6-1	210	8-3-62	New York	60	.285	1	17
Infielders										
21	Elster, Kevin	R-R	6-2	195	8-3-64	New York	149	.214	9	37

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
17	Hernandez, Keith	L-L	6-0	205	10-20-53	New York	95	.276	11	55
9	Jefferies, Gregg	S-R	5-10	175	8-1-67	New York	29	.321	6	17
						Tidewater	132	.282	7	61
20	Johnson, Howard	S-R	5-10	195	11-29-60	New York	148	.230	24	68
29	Magadan, Dave	L-R	6-3	195	9-30-62	New York	112	.277	1	35
25	Miller, Keith	R-R	5-11	180	6-12-63	New York	40	.214	1	5
						Tidewater	42	.281	1	15
35	Shipley, Craig	S-R	6-0	170	1-7-63	Tidewater	40	.272	1	13
						Jackson	89	.263	6	41
11	Teufel, Tim	R-R	6-0	174	7-7-58	New York	90	.234	4	31
Outfielders										
32	Carreon, Mark	R-L	6-0	194	7-19-63	New York	7	.556	1	1
						Tidewater	102	.263	14	55
4	Dykstra, Lenny	L-L	5-10	170	2-10-63	New York	126	.270	8	33
13	Mazzilli, Lee	S-R	6-1	195	3-25-55	New York	68	.147	0	12
22	McReynolds, Kevin	R-R	6-1	215	10-16-59	New York	147	.288	27	99
47	Reed, Darren	R-R	6-1	190	10-16-65	Tidewater	101	.241	9	47
18	Strawberry, Darryl	L-L	6-6	195	3-12-62	New York	153	.269	39	101
1	Wilson, Mookie	S-R	5-10	174	2-9-56	New York	112	.296	8	41

Manager: Davey Johnson

Coaches: Bud Harrelson, Greg Pavlick, Sam Perlozzo, Bill Robinson, Mel Stottlemyre

METS MOMENTS

- Manager Davey Johnson is the only player to bat behind Hank Aaron and Sadaharu Oh. He played with Aaron in Atlanta from 1972-75 and with Oh for the Japanese League Yomiuri Giants in 1975-76.
- Tom Seaver is the only Mets player to have his jersey number (41) retired. He had a 198-124 record with the Mets and was 311-205 lifetime. Seaver tied the NL record for most strikeouts in one game (19) on April 22, 1970.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA
40	Bedrosian, Steve	R-R	6-3	205	12-6-57	Philadelphia	74.1	6-6	3.75
53	Brantley, Cliff	R-R	6-1	195	4-12-68	Reading	6.0	1-0	6.00
						Clearwater	166.2	8-11	2.59
34	Brink, Brad	R-R	6-2	195	1-20-65	Maine	86.0	5-5	4.29
42	Carman, Don	L-L	6-3	195	8-14-59	Philadelphia	201.1	10-14	4.29
48	Freeman, Marvin	R-R	6-6	200	4-10-63	Philadelphia	51.2	2-3	6.10
						Maine	74.0	5-5	4.62
52	Frohworth, Todd	R-R	6-4	195	9-28-62	Philadelphia	12.0	1-2	8.25
						Maine	62.2	7-3	2.44
54	Grimsley, Jason	R-R	6-3	180	8-7-67	Reading	21.1	1-3	7.17
						Clearwater	101.1	4-7	3.73
33	Harris, Greg	S-R	6-0	165	11-2-55	Philadelphia	107.0	4-6	2.36
43	Howell, Ken	R-R	6-3	225	11-28-60	Los Angeles	12.2	0-1	6.39
						Albuquerque	107.1	10-1	3.27
44	Maddux, Mike	L-R	6-2	180	8-27-61	Philadelphia	88.2	4-3	3.76
						Maine	23.2	0-2	4.18
34	Madrid, Alex	R-R	6-2	198	4-18-63	Philadelphia	16.1	1-1	2.76
						Maine	11.1	0-0	2.31
						Denver	88.2	5-2	4.06
57	Magee, Warren	R-R	6-0	195	5-26-66	Reading	108.2	6-6	3.81
58	Malone, Chuck	R-R	6-7	250	7-8-65	Maine	27.2	1-4	6.83
						Reading	126.2	12-7	3.92
51	McElroy, Chuck	L-L	6-0	160	10-1-67	Reading	160.2	9-12	4.50
59	Moore, Brad	R-R	6-1	185	6-21-64	Philadelphia	5.2	0-0	0.00
						Reading	70.2	4-6	3.06
49	Parrett, Jeff	R-R	6-3	200	8-26-61	Montreal	91.2	12-4	2.65
47	Ruffin, Bruce	R-R	6-2	205	10-4-63	Philadelphia	144.1	6-10	4.43
41	Scanlan, Bob	R-R	6-7	200	8-9-66	Maine	161.0	5-18	5.59
37	Sebra, Bob	R-R	6-2	195	12-11-61	Philadelphia	11.1	1-2	7.94
						Indianapolis	174.1	12-6	2.94
39	Service, Scott	R-R	6-6	225	7-27-67	Philadelphia	5.1	0-0	1.69
						Maine	110.1	8-8	3.67
						Reading	56.2	3-4	2.86
15	Youmans, Floyd	R-R	6-1	200	5-11-64	Montreal	84.0	3-6	3.21
						Indianapolis	3.0	0-0	3.00

No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
10	Daulton, Darren	L-R	6-2	190	1-3-62	Philadelphia	58	.208	1	12
25	Lake, Steve	R-R	6-1	190	3-14-57	St. Louis	36	.278	1	4
19	Nieto, Tom	R-R	6-1	205	10-27-60	Minnesota	24	.067	0	0
						Portland	53	.278	3	21
6	Russell, John	R-R	6-0	195	1-5-61	Philadelphia	22	.245	2	4
						Maine	44	.203	7	24
Infielders										
14	Barrett, Tommy	S-R	5-10	170	6-15-65	Philadelphia	36	.204	0	3
						Maine	136	.285	1	33
28	Herr, Tom	S-R	6-0	185	4-4-56	Minnesota	86	.263	1	21
						St. Louis	15	.260	1	3
18	James, Chris	R-R	6-1	190	10-4-62	Philadelphia	150	.242	19	66
30	Jeltz, Steve	S-R	5-11	180	5-28-59	Philadelphia	148	.187	0	27
17	Jordan, Ricky	R-R	6-3	210	5-26-65	Philadelphia	69	.308	11	43
						Maine	87	.308	7	36
11	Parker, Rick	R-R	6-0	185	4-20-63	Reading	116	.257	3	47
8	Samuel, Juan	R-R	5-11	170	12-9-60	Philadelphia	157	.243	12	67
20	Schmidt, Mike	R-R	6-2	200	9-27-49	Philadelphia	108	.249	12	62
Outfielders										
23	Bullock, Eric	L-L	5-11	185	2-16-60	Minnesota	16	.294	0	3
						Portland	117	.309	2	46
22	Dernier, Bob	R-R	6-0	165	1-5-57	Philadelphia	68	.289	1	10
24	Ford, Curt	L-R	5-10	150	10-11-60	St. Louis	91	.195	1	18
9	Hayes, Von	L-R	6-5	180	8-31-58	Philadelphia	104	.272	6	45
26	Jones, Ron	L-R	5-10	200	6-11-64	Philadelphia	33	.290	8	26
						Maine	125	.267	16	75

Manager: Nick Leyva

Coaches: Larry Bowa, Darold Knowles, Denis Menke, Mike Ryan, Tony Taylor, John Vukovich

PHILLIES FINEST

- Chuck Klein (.368-28-120 in 1933) is one of only six Triple Crown winners from the National League.
- Mike Schmidt has hit over 30 home runs 13 seasons: 1974-77 and 1979-87.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
	Belinda, Stan	R-R	6-3	187	8-6-66	Salem	71.2	6-4	2.76	29	Fermin, Felix	R-R	5-11	170	10-9-63	Pittsburgh	43	.276	0	2
15	Drabek, Doug	R-R	6-1	185	7-25-62	Pittsburgh	219.1	15-7	3.08							Buffalo	87	.261	0	31
41	Dunne, Mike	L-R	6-4	200	10-27-62	Pittsburgh	170.0	7-11	3.92	7	Khalifa, Sammy	R-R	5-11	177	12-5-63	Buffalo	66	.228	5	21
54	Fisher, Brian	R-R	6-4	210	3-18-62	Pittsburgh	146.1	8-10	4.61							Harrisburg	41	.331	2	15
58	Gideon, Brett	R-R	6-2	195	8-8-63	Buffalo	42.0	1-6	3.64	56	King, Jeff	R-R	6-1	179	12-26-64	Harrisburg	117	.255	14	66
						Harrisburg	39.2	3-2	1.36	13	Lind, Jose	R-R	5-11	170	5-1-64	Pittsburgh	154	.262	2	49
35	Gott, Jim	R-R	6-4	220	8-3-59	Pittsburgh	77.1	6-6	3.49	14	Oberkfell, Ken	L-R	6-1	210	5-4-56	Pittsburgh	20	.222	0	2
16	Kipper, Bob	R-L	6-2	175	7-8-64	Pittsburgh	65.0	2-6	3.74							Atlanta	120	.277	3	40
60	Kramer, Randy	R-R	6-2	180	9-20-60	Pittsburgh	10.0	1-2	5.40	Outfielders										
						Buffalo	198.1	10-8	3.13	52	Alou, Moises	R-R	6-3	178	7-3-66	Augusta	105	.313	7	62
42	Krueger, Bill	L-L	6-5	210	4-24-58	Los Angeles	2.1	0-0	11.57	24	Bonds, Barry	L-L	6-1	185	7-24-64	Pittsburgh	144	.283	24	58
						Albuquerque	173.1	15-5	3.01	44	Cangelosi, John	S-L	5-8	150	3-10-63	Pittsburgh	75	.254	0	8
59	Madden, Morris	L-L	6-0	165	8-31-60	Pittsburgh	5.2	0-0	0.00							Buffalo	37	.331	0	10
						Buffalo	108.2	5-6	3.48	53	Cook, Jeff	S-R	6-0	185	12-17-65	Harrisburg	127	.257	1	29
49	Robinson, Jeff	R-R	6-4	200	12-13-60	Pittsburgh	124.2	11-5	3.03	19	Redus, Gary	R-R	6-1	185	11-1-56	Pittsburgh	30	.197	2	4
57	Smiley, John	L-L	6-4	195	3-17-65	Pittsburgh	205.0	13-11	3.25							Chicago (AL)	77	.263	6	34
47	Smith, Willie	R-R	6-5	226	1-27-67	Augusta	48.1	1-4	2.98	23	Reynolds, R.J.	S-R	6-0	183	4-19-60	Pittsburgh	130	.248	6	51
17	Walk, Bob	R-R	6-4	217	11-26-56	Pittsburgh	212.2	12-10	2.71	18	Van Slyke, Andy	L-R	6-2	192	12-21-60	Pittsburgh	154	.288	25	100
51	Walker, Mike	R-R	6-3	205	6-23-65	Buffalo	55.0	2-3	2.78	11	Wilson, Glenn	R-R	6-1	190	12-22-58	Pittsburgh	37	.270	2	15
						Harrisburg	74.1	2-7	3.51							Seattle	78	.250	3	17
						Salem	37.0	2-2	3.16	Manager: Jim Leyland										
Catchers										Coaches: Rich Donnelly, Bruce Kimm, Gene Lamont, Milt May, Ray Miller, Tommy Sandt										
12	LaValliere, Mike	L-R	5-9	190	8-18-60	Pittsburgh	120	.261	2	47	PIRATE PEAKS									
26	Ortiz, Junior	R-R	5-11	176	10-24-59	Pittsburgh	49	.280	2	18	• Deacon Phillippe (186-108, 2.59 ERA lifetime) is the only pitcher to win three World Series games for the losing club (1903 vs. Boston Red Sox). Boston won, five games to three, in a best of nine games Series.									
46	Prince, Tom	R-R	5-11	185	8-13-64	Pittsburgh	29	.176	0	6	• Paul "Big Poison" Waner and Lloyd "Little Poison" Waner are the only brothers to collect 200 or more hits in the same season. They accomplished the feat three straight years, 1927-29. The Waners collected the most hits (5,611) of any brothers in major league history.									
						Buffalo	86	.260	14	42										
3	Rodriguez, Ruben	R-R	6-0	175	8-4-64	Pittsburgh	2	.200	0	1										
						Buffalo	24	.256	0	2										
						Harrisburg	48	.275	0	19										
Infielders																				
6	Belliard, Rafael	R-R	5-6	150	10-24-61	Pittsburgh	122	.213	0	11										
25	Bonilla, Bobby	S-R	6-3	230	2-23-63	Pittsburgh	159	.274	24	100										
5	Bream, Sid	L-L	6-4	220	8-3-60	Pittsburgh	148	.264	10	65										
2	Destrade, Orestes	S-R	6-4	220	5-8-62	Pittsburgh	36	.149	1	3										
						Buffalo	77	.271	12	42										
30	Distefano, Benny	L-L	6-1	200	1-23-62	Pittsburgh	16	.345	1	6										
						Buffalo	135	.263	19	63										

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
44	Carpenter, Cris	R-R	6-1	185	4-5-65	St. Louis	47.2	2-3	4.72	11	Oquendo, Jose	S-R	5-10	160	7-4-63	St. Louis	148	.277	7	46
						Louisville	87.2	6-2	2.87	60	Pena, Geronimo	R-R	6-1	170	3-29-67	St. Petersburg	130	.258	4	35
50	Costello, John	R-R	6-1	180	12-24-60	St. Louis	49.2	5-2	1.81	9	Pendleton, Terry	S-R	5-9	180	7-16-60	St. Louis	110	.253	6	53
						Louisville	29.1	1-1	1.84	1	Smith, Ozzie	S-R	5-10	155	12-26-54	St. Louis	153	.270	3	51
34	Cox, Danny	R-R	6-4	225	9-21-59	St. Louis	86.0	3-8	3.98	Outfielders										
						Louisville	11.2	0-0	3.09	23	Brunansky, Tom	R-R	6-4	216	8-20-60	St. Louis	143	.245	22	79
46	Dayley, Ken	L-L	6-0	180	2-25-59	St. Louis	55.1	2-7	2.77							Minnesota	14	.183	1	6
48	DeLeon, Jose	R-R	6-3	215	12-20-60	St. Louis	225.1	13-10	3.67	55	Cole, Alex	L-L	6-2	170	8-17-65	Louisville	120	.232	0	24
35	DiPino, Frank	L-L	6-0	180	10-22-56	Chicago (NL)	90.1	2-3	4.98	29	Coleman, Vince	S-R	6-0	170	9-22-61	St. Louis	153	.260	3	38
52	Fassero, Jeff	L-L	6-1	180	1-5-63	Arkansas	78.0	5-5	3.58	51	McGee, Willie	S-R	6-1	175	11-2-58	St. Louis	137	.292	3	50
43	Hill, Ken	R-R	6-2	175	12-14-65	St. Louis	14.0	0-1	5.14	33	Morris, John	L-L	6-1	185	2-23-61	St. Louis	20	.289	0	3
						Arkansas	115.1	9-9	4.92							Louisville	13	.100	0	0
59	Kinzer, Matt	R-R	6-2	210	6-17-63	Louisville	80.0	6-2	3.71	25	Thompson, Milt	L-R	5-11	170	1-5-59	Philadelphia	122	.288	2	33
						Arkansas	29.0	3-0	3.10	21	Walling, Denny	L-R	6-1	185	4-17-54	St. Louis	19	.224	0	1
32	Magrane, Joe	R-L	6-6	230	7-2-64	St. Louis	165.1	5-9	2.18							Houston	65	.244	1	20
						Louisville	20.0	2-1	3.15	Manager: Whitey Herzog										
53	Mathews, Greg	R-L	6-2	180	5-17-62	St. Louis	68.0	4-6	4.24	Coaches: Rich Hacker, Johnny Lewis, Dave Ricketts, Jim Riggelman, Mike Roarke, Red Schoendienst										
40	Quisenberry, Dan	R-R	6-2	185	2-7-53	St. Louis	16.0	0-1	7.31	CARDINAL CAPSTONES										
						Kansas City	38.0	2-0	6.16	• Rogers Hornsby is the only player in major league history to have a batting average of .400 over a five-year period (1921-25).										
37	Terry, Scott	R-R	5-11	195	11-21-59	St. Louis	25.1	0-1	3.55	• The Cardinals accounted for the entire starting infield in the 1963 All-Star game: 1B Bill White, 2B Julian Javier, SS Dick Groat, 3B Ken Boyer.										
						Louisville	129.1	9-6	2.92	• Bob Gibson's 1.12 ERA in 1968 is the major league record for pitchers with 300 or more innings in a season.										
38	Worrell, Todd	R-R	6-5	210	9-28-59	St. Louis	5.0	0-0	0.00	• Lou Brock holds major league records in career stolen bases (938) and consecutive years with 50 or more (12). He holds the National League record for most stolen bases in a season (118).										
						St. Louis	90.0	5-9	3.00											
Catchers																				
19	Pagnozzi, Tom	R-R	6-1	190	7-30-62	St. Louis	81	.282	0	15										
26	Pena, Tony	R-R	6-0	185	6-4-57	St. Louis	149	.263	10	51										
58	Zeile, Todd	R-R	6-1	190	9-9-65	Arkansas	129	.270	19	75										
Infielders																				
10	Booker, Rod	L-R	6-0	175	9-4-58	St. Louis	18	.343	0	3										
						Louisville	111	.259	4	31										
28	Guerrero, Pedro	R-R	6-0	197	6-29-56	St. Louis	44	.268	5	30										
						Los Angeles	59	.298	5	35										
22	Jones, Tim	L-R	5-10	175	12-1-62	St. Louis	31	.269	0	3										
						Louisville	103	.257	6	38										

SAN DIEGO PADRES

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
56	Bones, Ricky	R-R	5-10	175	4-7-69	Riverside	175.1	15-6	3.64	
51	Booker, Greg	R-R	6-6	245	6-22-60	San Diego	63.2	2-2	3.39	
38	Clements, Pat	R-L	6-0	180	2-2-62	New York (AL)	8.1	0-0	6.48	
						Columbus	144.0	6-7	2.75	
48	Davis, Mark	L-L	6-4	200	10-19-60	San Diego	98.1	5-10	2.01	
55	Grant, Mark	R-R	6-2	205	10-24-63	San Diego	97.2	2-8	3.69	
46	Harris, Greg W.	R-R	6-2	190	12-1-63	San Diego	18.0	2-0	1.50	
						Las Vegas	159.2	9-5	4.11	
47	Hurst, Bruce	L-L	6-3	214	3-24-58	Boston	216.2	18-6	3.66	
52	Leiper, Dave	L-L	6-1	160	6-18-62	San Diego	54.0	3-0	2.17	
49	Maysey, Matt	R-R	6-4	210	1-8-67	Wichita	187.0	9-9	3.71	
37	Nolte, Eric	L-L	6-3	200	4-28-64	San Diego	3.0	0-0	6.00	
						Las Vegas	128.1	8-7	6.03	
43	Rasmussen, Dennis	L-L	6-7	225	4-18-59	San Diego	148.1	14-4	2.55	
						Cincinnati	56.1	2-6	5.75	
30	Show, Eric	R-R	6-1	190	3-19-56	San Diego	234.2	16-11	3.26	
35	Terrell, Walt	L-R	6-2	205	5-11-58	Detroit	206.1	7-16	3.97	
31	Whitson, Ed	R-R	6-3	195	5-19-55	San Diego	205.1	13-11	3.77	
	Catchers						G	Avg.	HR	RBI
17	Alomar Jr., Sandy	R-R	6-5	200	6-18-66	San Diego	1	.000	0	0
						Las Vegas	93	.297	16	71
27	Parent, Mark	R-R	6-5	224	9-16-61	San Diego	41	.195	6	15
9	Santiago, Benito	R-R	6-1	185	3-9-65	San Diego	139	.248	10	46
	Infielders									
12	Alomar, Roberto	S-R	6-0	155	2-5-68	San Diego	143	.266	9	41
						Las Vegas	9	.270	2	14
53	Baerga, Carlos	S-R	5-11	165	11-4-68	Wichita	122	.273	12	65
18	Brumley, Mike	S-R	5-10	165	4-9-63	Las Vegas	113	.315	3	41
25	Clark, Jack	R-R	6-3	205	11-10-55	New York (AL)	150	.242	27	93
4	Cora, Joey	S-R	5-8	150	5-14-65	Las Vegas	127	.296	3	55
11	Flannery, Tim	L-R	5-11	181	9-29-57	San Diego	79	.265	0	19
7	Nelson, Rob	L-L	6-4	215	5-17-64	San Diego	7	.190	1	3
						Las Vegas	116	.260	23	77
5	Ready, Randy	R-R	5-11	180	1-8-60	San Diego	114	.266	7	39

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
10	Roberts, Bip	S-R	5-7	160	10-27-63	San Diego	5	.333	0	0
						Las Vegas	100	.353	7	51
1	Templeton, Garry	S-R	6-0	192	3-24-57	San Diego	110	.249	3	36
21	Thon, Dickie	R-R	5-11	178	6-20-58	San Diego	95	.264	1	18
	Outfielders									
28	Abner, Shawn	R-R	6-1	190	6-17-66	San Diego	37	.181	2	5
						Las Vegas	63	.254	4	34
47	Byers, Randell	L-L	6-2	180	10-2-64	San Diego	11	.200	0	0
						Las Vegas	100	.267	6	55
24	Clark, Jerald	R-R	6-4	189	8-10-63	San Diego	6	.200	0	3
						Las Vegas	107	.301	9	67
19	Gwynn, Tony	L-L	5-11	199	5-9-60	San Diego	133	.313	7	70
33	Howard, Tom	S-R	6-0	198	12-11-64	Las Vegas	44	.251	0	15
						Wichita	29	.301	0	16
8	Kruk, John	L-L	5-10	195	2-9-61	San Diego	120	.241	9	44
23	Mack, Shane	R-R	6-0	185	12-7-63	San Diego	56	.244	0	12
						Las Vegas	55	.347	10	40
14	Martinez, Carmelo	R-R	6-2	220	7-28-60	San Diego	121	.236	18	65
16	Wynne, Marvell	L-L	5-11	185	12-17-59	San Diego	128	.264	11	42

Manager: Jack McKeon

Coaches: Sandy Alomar, Pat Dobson, Amos Otis, Greg Riddoch, Dennis Sommers

PADRE POWER

- In 1982, rookie Tony Gwynn hit .289 in 54 games. He hasn't hit below .300 since.
- Steve Garvey earned the NLCS Most Valuable Player award in 1984, when the Padres rallied from a 0-2 deficit to beat the Chicago Cubs for the National League pennant. Garvey, who batted .400, went 4-for-5 in Game 4, including a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to win the game.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
33	Best, Karl	R-R	6-4	210	3-6-59	Phoenix Portland	8.0 33.2	0-1 0-2	9.00 3.21	
41	Burkett, John	R-R	6-2	180	11-28-64	Phoenix Shreveport	114.0 50.2	5-11 5-1	5.21 2.13	
36	Cook, Dennis	L-L	6-3	185	10-4-62	San Francisco Phoenix	22.0 141.1	2-1 11-9	2.86 3.88	
37	Downs, Kelly	R-R	6-4	200	10-25-60	San Francisco	168.0	13-9	3.32	
43	Dravecky, Dave	R-L	6-1	200	2-14-56	San Francisco Phoenix	37.0 2.2	2-2 0-1	3.16 16.88	
50	Garrelts, Scott	R-R	6-4	205	10-30-61	San Francisco	98.0	5-9	3.58	
14	Hammaker, Atlee	S-L	6-2	200	1-24-58	San Francisco	144.2	9-9	3.73	
39	Krukow, Mike	R-R	6-4	205	1-21-52	San Francisco Phoenix	124.2 5.0	7-4 1-0	3.54 0.00	
29	LaCoss, Mike	R-R	6-4	200	5-30-56	San Francisco	114.1	7-7	3.62	
32	Letters, Craig	L-L	6-1	210	9-29-57	San Francisco	92.1	3-8	2.92	
54	McClellan, Paul	R-R	6-2	180	2-8-66	Shreveport	167.0	10-12	4.04	
45	Mulholland, Terry	R-L	6-3	200	3-9-63	San Francisco Phoenix	46.0 100.2	2-1 7-3	3.72 3.58	
47	Price, Joe	R-L	6-4	215	11-29-56	San Francisco	61.2	1-6	3.94	
48	Reuschel, Rick	R-R	6-3	240	5-16-49	San Francisco	245.0	19-11	3.12	
55	Robertson, Doug	S-R	6-1	185	4-15-63	San Jose	78.1	7-5	1.26	
40	Robinson, Don	R-R	6-4	235	6-8-57	San Francisco	176.2	10-5	2.45	
58	Samuels, Roger	L-L	6-5	210	1-3-61	San Francisco Phoenix	23.1 48.0	1-2 3-2	3.47 2.63	
52	Swan, Russ	L-L	6-4	210	1-3-64	San Jose	76.2	7-0	2.23	
53	Tate, Stu	R-R	6-3	205	6-17-62	Phoenix Shreveport	47.1 40.0	2-4 3-2	5.89 2.03	
52	Wilson, Trevor	L-L	6-0	175	6-7-66	San Francisco Phoenix Shreveport	22.0 51.2 72.2	0-2 2-3 5-4	4.09 5.05 1.86	
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI
17	Manwaring, Kirt	R-R	5-11	185	7-15-65	San Francisco Phoenix	40 81	.250 .282	1 2	15 35
7	Melvin, Bob	R-R	6-4	205	10-28-61	San Francisco Phoenix	92 21	.234 .307	8 2	27 9
36	Pena, Jose	R-R	6-0	190	4-24-65	Shreveport	98	.245	4	36

No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
8	Tejada, Will	R-R	6-0	185	11-12-62	Montreal	8	.267	0	2
						Indianapolis	59	.233	1	19
	Infielders									
22	Clark, Will	L-L	6-1	190	3-13-64	San Francisco	162	.282	29	109
53	Hayes, Charlie	R-R	6-0	190	5-29-65	San Francisco	7	.091	0	0
						Phoenix	131	.307	7	71
18	Melendez, Francisco	L-L	6-0	185	1-25-64	San Francisco	23	.192	0	3
						Phoenix	96	.361	4	58
16	Perezchica, Tony	R-R	5-11	175	4-20-66	San Francisco	7	.125	0	1
						Phoenix	134	.306	9	64
1	Riles, Ernest	L-R	6-1	180	10-2-60	San Francisco	79	.294	3	28
						Milwaukee	41	.252	1	9
46	Santana, Andres	S-R	5-11	165	3-19-68	Shreveport	11	.167	0	3
						Clinton	118	.280	0	24
35	Speier, Chris	R-R	6-1	180	6-28-50	San Francisco	82	.216	3	18
6	Thompson, Kobby	R-R	5-11	170	5-10-62	San Francisco	138	.264	7	48
23	Uribe, Jose	S-R	5-10	165	1-21-60	San Francisco	141	.252	3	35
10	Williams, Matt	R-R	6-2	205	11-28-65	San Francisco	52	.205	8	19
						Phoenix	82	.271	12	51
	Outfielders									
2	Butler, Brett	L-L	5-10	160	6-15-57	San Francisco	157	.287	6	43
25	Jones, Tracy	R-R	6-3	220	3-31-61	Montreal	53	.333	2	15
						Cincinnati	37	.229	1	9
21	Maldonado, Candy	R-R	6-0	195	9-5-60	San Francisco	142	.255	12	68
9	Mitchell, Kevin	R-R	5-11	210	1-13-62	San Francisco	148	.251	19	80
30	Nixon, Donell	R-R	6-1	185	12-31-61	San Francisco	59	.346	0	6
						Calgary	40	.281	3	10

Manager: Roger Craig

Coaches: Dusty Baker, Bill Fahey, Wendell Kim, Bob Lillis, Norm Sherry

GIANT GEMS

- From 1962-69, Willie Mays ('62, '64, '65) and Willie McCovey ('63, '68, '69) were National League home run champions every year but two.
- Juan Marichal won 20 or more games six of seven seasons from 1963-69.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
29	Ballard, Jeff	L-L	6-2	198	8-13-63	Baltimore	153.1	8-12	4.40	15	Kennedy, Terry	L-R	6-4	226	6-4-56	Baltimore	85	.226	3	16
						Rochester	60.2	4-3	2.97	26	Nichols, Carl	R-R	6-0	192	10-14-62	Baltimore	18	.191	0	1
48	Bautista, Jose	R-R	6-2	203	7-25-64	Baltimore	171.2	6-15	4.30							Rochester	75	.228	3	16
54	Bowden, Mark	L-L	6-0	175	10-10-60	Rochester	96.0	9-5	3.38	14	Tettleton, Mickey	S-R	6-2	214	9-16-60	Baltimore	86	.261	11	37
27	Habyan, John	R-R	6-2	195	1-29-64	Baltimore	14.2	1-0	4.30							Rochester	19	.244	1	4
						Rochester	147.1	9-9	4.46	Infielders										
42	Harnisch, Pete	R-R	6-0	195	9-23-66	Baltimore	13.0	0-2	5.54	1	Bell, Juan	R-R	5-11	172	3-22-68	Albuquerque	73	.300	8	45
						Rochester	58.1	4-1	2.16							San Antonio	61	.279	5	21
						Charlotte	132.1	7-6	2.58							Charlotte	24	.292	1	10
	Holton, Brian	R-R	6-0	195	11-29-59	Los Angeles	84.2	7-3	1.70	39	Gomez, Leo	R-R	6-0	180	3-2-67	Pittsburgh	40	.220	3	8
	Mejia, Cesar	R-R	6-2	160	10-10-66	Glens Falls	162.2	14-5	2.43							Buffalo	63	.276	2	30
51	Mesa, Jose	R-R	6-3	210	5-22-66	Rochester	15.2	0-3	8.62	7	Ripken, Bill	R-R	6-1	183	12-16-64	Baltimore	150	.207	2	34
52	Milacki, Bob	R-R	6-4	220	7-28-64	Baltimore	25.0	2-0	0.72	8	Ripken, Cal	R-R	6-4	225	8-24-60	Baltimore	161	.264	23	81
						Rochester	176.2	12-8	2.70	13	Schu, Rick	R-R	6-0	194	1-26-62	Baltimore	89	.256	4	20
						Charlotte	37.2	3-1	2.39	28	Traber, Jim	L-L	6-0	213	12-26-61	Baltimore	103	.222	10	45
12	Morgan, Mike	R-R	6-2	215	10-8-59	Baltimore	71.1	1-6	5.43							Rochester	38	.285	6	23
						Rochester	17.0	0-2	4.76	11	Worthington, Craig	R-R	6-0	190	4-17-65	Baltimore	26	.185	2	4
30	Olson, Gregg	R-R	6-4	211	10-11-66	Baltimore	11.0	1-1	3.27							Rochester	121	.244	16	73
						Charlotte	15.1	0-1	5.87	Outfielders										
						Hagerstown	9.0	1-0	2.00	9	Anderson, Brady	L-L	6-1	186	1-18-64	Baltimore	53	.198	1	9
23	Peraza, Oswaldo	R-R	6-4	209	10-19-62	Baltimore	86.0	5-7	5.55							Boston	41	.230	0	12
						Rochester	43.2	3-0	2.89	16	Bradley, Phil	R-R	6-0	185	3-11-59	Pawtucket	49	.287	4	19
43	Schilling, Curt	R-R	6-4	215	11-14-66	Baltimore	14.2	0-3	9.82	35	Hughes, Keith	L-L	6-3	209	9-12-63	Philadelphia	154	.264	11	56
						Charlotte	45.1	5-2	3.18							Baltimore	41	.194	2	14
						New Britain	106.0	8-5	2.97							Rochester	77	.270	7	49
24	Schmidt, Dave	R-R	6-1	194	4-22-57	Baltimore	129.2	8-5	3.40	6	Orsulak, Joe	L-L	6-1	187	5-31-62	Baltimore	125	.288	8	27
	Smith, Mike	R-R	6-1	195	2-23-61	Montreal	8.2	0-0	3.12	19	Sheets, Larry	L-R	6-3	236	12-6-59	Baltimore	136	.230	10	47
						Indianapolis	63.0	5-1	2.57							Charlotte	134	.237	3	29
	Smith, Mike	R-R	6-3	195	10-31-63	Chattanooga	194.1	9-10	3.20	17	Stanicek, Pete	S-R	5-11	183	4-18-63	Baltimore	83	.230	4	17
21	Thurmond, Mark	L-L	6-0	193	9-12-58	Baltimore	74.2	1-8	4.58							Rochester	19	.174	2	8
						Rochester	54.1	5-3	2.65	Manager: Frank Robinson										
50	Tibbs, Jay	R-R	6-1	175	1-4-62	Baltimore	158.2	4-15	5.39	Coaches: Elrod Hendricks, Al Jackson, Tom McCraw, Johnny Oates, Cal Ripken Sr.										
						Rochester	25.1	3-1	2.84	ORIOLE OFFERINGS										
32	Williamson, Mark	R-R	6-0	171	7-21-59	Baltimore	117.2	5-8	4.90	• Brooks Robinson's lifetime fielding percentage of .971 is the major league record for third basemen (100 or more games).										
						Rochester	29.2	2-3	3.34	• Frank Robinson won the Triple Crown in 1966 (.316-.49-.122).										
	Catchers						G	Avg.	HR	RBI										
	Hoiles, Chris	R-R	6-0	195	3-20-65	Toledo	22	.159	2	6										
						Glens Falls	103	.283	17	73										

BOSTON RED SOX

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
52	Boddicker, Mike	R-R	5-11	186	8-23-57	Boston	89.0	7-3	2.63	26	Boggs, Wade	R-R	6-2	197	6-15-58	Boston	155	.366	5	58
						Baltimore	147.0	6-12	3.86	27	Cooper, Scott	L-R	6-3	200	10-13-67	Lynchburg	130	.298	9	73
50	Bolton, Tom	L-L	6-3	175	5-6-63	Boston	30.1	1-3	4.75	25	Esasky, Nick	R-R	6-3	215	2-24-60	Cincinnati	122	.243	15	62
						Pawtucket	19.1	3-0	2.79	30	Horn, Sam	L-L	6-5	240	11-2-63	Boston	24	.148	2	8
23	Boyd, Oil Can	R-R	6-1	160	10-6-59	Boston	129.2	9-7	5.34							Pawtucket	83	.233	10	31
21	Clemens, Roger	R-R	6-4	220	8-4-62	Boston	264.0	18-12	2.93	3	Reed, Jody	R-R	5-9	160	7-26-62	Boston	109	.293	1	28
53	Curry, Steve	R-R	6-6	217	9-13-65	Boston	11.0	0-1	8.18	7	Rivera, Luis	R-R	5-9	165	1-3-64	Montreal	123	.224	4	30
						Pawtucket	146.1	11-9	3.08	11	Romero, Ed	R-R	5-11	180	12-9-57	Boston	31	.240	0	5
40	Dopson, John	L-R	6-4	205	7-14-63	Montreal	168.2	3-11	3.04	Outfielders										
						Indianapolis	18.0	0-0	3.50	12	Burks, Ellis	R-R	6-2	195	9-11-64	Boston	144	.294	18	92
28	Ellsworth, Steve	R-R	6-8	220	7-30-60	Boston	36.0	1-6	6.75	24	Evans, Dwight	R-R	6-3	208	11-3-51	Boston	149	.293	21	111
						Pawtucket	108.1	7-7	3.74	39	Greenwell, Mike	L-R	6-0	195	7-18-63	Boston	158	.325	22	119
44	Gardner, Wes	R-R	6-4	203	4-29-61	Boston	149.0	8-6	3.50	5	Kutcher, Randy	R-R	5-11	175	4-20-60	Boston	19	.167	0	0
31	Hetzel, Eric	R-R	6-3	175	9-25-63	Pawtucket	127.1	6-10	3.96							Pawtucket	86	.233	4	27
15	Lamp, Dennis	R-R	6-3	215	9-23-52	Boston	82.2	7-6	3.48	18	Quintana, Carlos	R-R	6-2	195	8-26-65	Boston	5	.333	0	2
47	Murphy, Rob	L-L	6-2	205	5-26-60	Cincinnati	84.2	0-6	3.08							Pawtucket	131	.285	16	66
54	Rochford, Mike	L-L	6-4	205	3-14-63	Boston	2.1	0-0	0.00	14	Rice, Jim	R-R	6-2	216	3-8-53	Boston	135	.264	15	72
						Pawtucket	81.2	1-5	3.09	16	Romine, Kevin	R-R	5-11	185	5-23-61	Boston	57	.192	1	6
48	Smith, Lee	R-R	6-6	250	12-4-57	Boston	83.2	4-5	2.80							Pawtucket	41	.358	4	26
41	Smithson, Mike	R-R	6-8	215	1-21-55	Boston	126.2	9-6	5.97	Manager: Joe Morgan										
						Pawtucket	7.0	1-0	0.00	Coaches: Dick Berardino, Al Bumbry, Bill Fischer, Richie Hebner, Rac Slider										
46	Stanley, Bob	R-R	6-4	225	11-10-54	Boston	101.2	6-4	3.19	RULING RED SOX										
						Pawtucket	11.0	1-0	0.82	• Ted Williams became the oldest player to win a batting title when he hit .388 in 1957 at age 39. A year later he led the American League with a .328 average. The six-time batting champion also holds the record for most home runs in a final season (29 in 1960).										
45	Woodward, Rob	R-R	6-3	212	9-28-62	Boston	10.0	0-1	7.20	• Dutch Leonard's 1.01 ERA in 1914 still stands as the lowest in major league history.										
						Pawtucket	44.1	1-4	3.86	• Carl Yastrzemski won the Triple Crown in 1967 when he batted .326, hit 44 home runs and had 121 RBI. He was elected to the Hall of Fame this year.										
	Catchers						G	Avg.	HR	RBI										
6	Cerone, Rick	R-R	5-11	175	5-19-54	Boston	84	.269	3	27										
10	Gedman, Rich	L-R	6-0	215	9-26-59	Boston	95	.231	9	39										
						Pawtucket	4	.467	1	1										
20	Marzano, John	R-R	5-11	197	2-14-63	Boston	10	.138	0	1										
						Pawtucket	33	.198	0	5										
	Infielders					New Britain	35	.205	0	5										
17	Barrett, Marty	R-R	5-10	175	6-23-58	Boston	150	.283	1	65										

CALIFORNIA ANGELS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
28	Blyleven, Bert	R-R	6-3	205	4-6-51	Minnesota	207.1	10-17	5.43	
41	Cedeno, Vinicio	R-R	5-10	185	4-6-64	Midland	76.1	1-2	4.48	
43	Charland, Colin	L-L	6-3	205	11-13-65	Palm Springs	204.0	17-5	2.51	
42	Clark, Terry	R-R	6-2	196	10-10-60	California	94.0	6-6	5.07	
						Edmonton	113.2	7-6	4.51	
33	Cliburn, Stewart	R-R	6-0	192	12-19-56	California	84.0	4-2	4.07	
36	Corbett, Sherman	L-L	6-4	203	11-3-62	California	45.2	2-1	4.14	
						Midland	47.2	3-2	3.40	
48	Fetters, Mike	R-R	6-4	200	12-19-64	Edmonton	14.0	2-0	1.93	
						Midland	114.0	8-8	5.92	
31	Finley, Chuck	L-L	6-6	212	11-26-62	California	194.1	9-15	4.17	
27	Fraser, Willie	R-R	6-1	206	5-26-64	California	194.2	12-13	5.41	
34	Harvey, Bryan	R-R	6-2	215	6-2-63	California	76.0	7-5	2.13	
						Edmonton	5.2	0-0	3.18	
17	Lazorko, Jack	R-R	5-11	218	3-30-56	California	37.2	0-1	3.35	
						Edmonton	149.0	11-8	3.87	
45	Lovelace, Vance	L-L	6-5	235	8-9-63	California	1.1	0-0	13.50	
						Edmonton	69.1	1-3	6.10	
18	Lugo, Urbano	R-R	5-11	197	8-12-62	California	2.0	0-0	9.00	
						Edmonton	116.1	9-6	5.26	
15	McCaskill, Kirk	R-R	6-1	196	4-9-61	California	146.1	8-6	4.31	
23	McClure, Bob	R-L	5-11	175	4-29-53	New York (NL)	11.0	1-0	4.09	
						Montreal	19.0	1-3	6.16	
38	Minton, Greg	S-R	6-2	207	7-29-51	California	79.0	4-5	2.85	
						Palm Springs	4.0	0-0	0.00	
44	Monteleone, Rich	R-R	6-2	217	3-22-63	California	4.1	0-0	0.00	
						Edmonton	122.1	4-7	5.08	
46	Petry, Dan	R-R	6-4	215	11-13-58	California	139.2	3-9	4.38	
						Palm Springs	15.0	1-2	6.60	
39	Witt, Mike	R-R	6-7	198	7-20-60	California	249.2	13-16	4.15	
	Catchers						G	Avg.	HR	RBI
32	Miller, Darrell	R-R	6-2	210	2-26-59	California	70	.221	2	7
						Edmonton	37	.317	4	19
13	Parrish, Lance	R-R	6-3	220	6-15-56	Philadelphia	123	.215	15	60

No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
14	Schroeder, Bill	R-R	6-2	200	9-7-58	Milwaukee	41	.156	5	10
						Denver	6	.235	0	3
	Infielders									
7	Eppard, Jim	L-L	6-2	181	4-27-60	California	56	.283	0	14
						Edmonton	41	.262	0	16
16	Howell, Jack	L-R	6-0	201	8-18-61	California	154	.254	16	63
21	Joyner, Wally	L-L	6-2	198	6-16-62	California	158	.295	13	85
35	Manto, Jeff	R-R	6-3	210	8-23-64	Midland	120	.301	24	101
37	McCollom, Jim	R-R	6-1	195	4-23-63	Midland	118	.343	20	75
10	McLemore, Mark	S-R	5-11	195	10-4-64	California	77	.240	2	16
						Edmonton	12	.267	0	6
						Palm Springs	11	.341	0	6
3	Ray, Johnny	S-R	5-11	189	3-1-57	California	153	.306	6	83
22	Schofield, Dick	R-R	5-10	178	11-21-62	California	155	.239	6	34
9	Stevens, Lee	L-L	6-4	205	7-10-67	Midland	116	.297	23	76
	Outfielders									
20	Armas, Tony	R-R	6-1	220	7-2-53	California	120	.272	13	49
11	Bichette, Dante	R-R	6-3	212	11-18-63	California	21	.261	0	8
						Edmonton	132	.267	14	81
24	Davis, Chili	S-R	6-3	210	1-17-60	California	158	.268	21	93
5	Downing, Brian	R-R	5-10	194	10-9-50	California	135	.242	25	64
7	Washington, Claudell	L-L	6-2	195	8-31-54	New York (AL)	126	.308	11	64
30	White, Devon	S-R	6-2	178	12-29-62	California	122	.259	11	51

Manager: Doug Rader

Coaches: Joe Coleman, Deron Johnson, Bobby Knoop, Marcel Lachemann, Jimmie Reese, Moose Stubing

ANGELS ACCOLADES

- In his seven seasons with the Angels (1979-85), Rod Carew set a club record for career batting average (.314). His .339 average in 1983 is also a team record.
- Bobby Grich, the first-ever inductee into the Angels' Hall of Fame, set the major league record for fielding percentage by second basemen (.997) in 1985.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA
32	Bittiger, Jeff	R-R	5-10	175	4-13-62	Chicago	61.2	2-4	4.23
						Vancouver	52.0	4-1	1.04
52	Davis, Joel	L-R	6-5	205	1-30-65	Chicago	16.0	0-1	6.75
						Vancouver	96.0	7-1	3.75
31	Davis, John	R-R	6-7	215	1-5-63	Chicago	63.2	2-5	6.64
						Vancouver	17.0	1-0	3.18
55	Drees, Tom	S-L	6-6	210	6-17-63	Birmingham	158.0	9-7	2.79
57	Edwards, Wayne	L-L	6-5	185	3-7-64	Vancouver	3.0	0-0	0.00
						Birmingham	167.0	9-12	4.90
54	Hibbard, Greg	L-L	6-0	180	9-13-64	Vancouver	144.1	11-11	4.12
45	Hillegas, Shawn	R-R	6-2	208	8-21-64	Chicago	40.0	3-2	3.15
						Los Angeles	56.2	3-4	4.13
						Albuquerque	100.2	6-4	3.49
38	Jones, Barry	R-R	6-4	225	2-15-63	Chicago	26.0	2-2	2.42
						Pittsburgh	56.1	1-1	3.04
47	Long, Bill	R-R	6-0	185	2-29-60	Chicago	174.0	8-11	4.03
56	Manzanillo, Ravelo	L-L	5-10	190	10-17-63	Chicago	9.1	0-1	5.79
						Tampa	130.1	10-6	3.04
49	McCarthy, Tom	R-R	6-0	180	6-18-61	Chicago	13.0	2-0	1.38
						Vancouver	18.2	1-0	0.00
						Tidewater	57.1	8-3	2.67
40	McDowell, Jack	R-R	6-5	179	1-16-66	Chicago	158.2	5-10	3.97
34	Patterson, Ken	L-L	6-4	210	7-8-64	Chicago	20.2	0-2	4.79
						Vancouver	86.0	6-5	3.23
48	Pawlowski, John	R-R	6-2	175	9-6-63	Chicago	14.0	1-0	8.36
						Vancouver	21.1	0-0	4.22
						Birmingham	27.1	2-3	3.29
33	Perez, Melido	R-R	6-4	180	2-15-66	Chicago	197.0	12-10	3.79
42	Peterson, Adam	R-R	6-3	190	12-11-65	Chicago	6.0	0-1	13.50
						Vancouver	171.0	14-7	3.32
41	Reuss, Jerry	L-L	6-5	227	6-19-49	Chicago	183.0	13-9	3.44
51	Rodriguez, Rick	R-R	6-2	200	9-21-60	Cleveland	33.0	1-2	7.09
						Colorado Sp.	126.2	8-6	3.06
37	Thigpen, Bobby	R-R	6-3	195	7-17-63	Chicago	90.0	5-8	3.30
50	Wojna, Ed	R-R	6-1	187	8-20-60	Vancouver	124.0	10-6	3.27

No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
72	Fisk, Carlton	R-R	6-2	225	12-26-47	Chicago	76	.277	19	50
5	Karkovice, Ron	R-R	6-1	215	8-8-63	Chicago	46	.174	3	9
						Vancouver	39	.250	2	13
27	Salas, Mark	L-R	6-0	205	3-8-61	Chicago	75	.250	3	9
	Infielders									
13	Guillen, Ozzie	L-R	5-11	150	1-20-64	Chicago	156	.261	0	39
15	Hill, Donnie	S-R	5-10	160	11-12-60	Chicago	83	.217	2	20
						Vancouver	7	.346	0	7
12	Lyons, Steve	L-R	6-3	195	6-3-60	Chicago	146	.269	5	45
10	Manrique, Fred	R-R	6-1	175	11-5-61	Chicago	140	.235	5	37
24	Martinez, Carlos	R-R	6-5	175	8-11-65	Chicago	17	.164	0	0
						Birmingham	133	.277	14	73
29	Walker, Greg	L-R	6-3	212	10-6-59	Chicago	99	.247	8	42
	Outfielders									
3	Baines, Harold	L-L	6-2	194	3-15-59	Chicago	158	.277	13	81
8	Boston, Daryl	L-L	6-3	203	1-4-63	Chicago	105	.217	15	31
22	Calderon, Ivan	R-R	6-1	221	3-19-62	Chicago	73	.212	14	35
26	Davis, Mark	R-R	6-0	170	11-25-64	Vancouver	68	.212	4	29
						Birmingham	66	.290	6	27
17	Gallagher, Dave	R-R	6-0	180	9-20-60	Chicago	101	.303	5	31
						Vancouver	34	.336	4	27
1	Johnson, Lance	L-L	5-11	155	7-7-63	Chicago	33	.185	0	6
						Vancouver	100	.307	2	36
42	Kittle, Ron	R-R	6-4	220	1-5-58	Cleveland	75	.258	18	43
44	Pasqua, Dan	L-L	6-0	203	10-17-61	Chicago	129	.227	20	50
7	Williams, Kenny	R-R	6-1	189	4-6-64	Chicago	73	.159	8	28
						Vancouver	16	.250	1	6

Manager: Jeff Torborg

Coaches: Terry Bevington, Eddie Brinkman, Ron Clark, Sammy Ellis, Walt Hrinak, Dave LaRoche

WHITE SOX WONDERS

- Nellie Fox led the American League in singles eight of nine seasons from 1952-60.
- Shortstop Luis Aparicio won seven Gold Gloves (1958-62, '68, '70).

CLEVELAND INDIANS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
15	Allen, Neil	R-R	6-2	190	1-24-58	New York (AL)	117.1	5-3	3.84	6	Allanson, Andy	R-R	6-5	225	12-22-61	Cleveland	133	.263	5	50
						Columbus	15.0	0-1	0.60	17	Lampkin, Tom	L-R	5-11	185	4-4-64	Cleveland	4	.000	0	0
						Ft. Lauderdale	9.0	0-0	0.00							Colorado Sp.	34	.280	0	7
43	Bailes, Scott	L-L	6-2	175	12-18-62	Cleveland	145.0	9-14	4.90	18	Tingley, Ron	R-R	6-2	180	5-27-59	Williamsport	80	.270	3	23
40	Black, Bud	L-L	6-2	180	6-30-57	Cleveland	59.0	2-3	5.03							Cleveland	9	.167	1	2
						Kansas City	22.0	2-1	4.91							Colorado Sp.	44	.285	3	20
49	Candiotti, Tom	R-R	6-2	200	8-31-57	Cleveland	216.2	14-8	3.28	Infielders										
50	Dedmon, Jeff	L-R	6-2	200	3-4-60	Cleveland	33.2	1-0	4.54	23	Aguayo, Luis	R-R	5-9	195	3-13-59	New York (AL)	50	.250	3	8
						Colorado Sp.	41.1	2-3	4.35							Philadelphia	49	.247	3	5
52	Farrell, John	R-R	6-4	210	8-4-62	Cleveland	210.1	14-10	4.24	16	Bell, Jay	R-R	6-1	180	12-11-65	Cleveland	73	.218	2	21
39	Gordon, Don	R-R	6-1	185	10-10-59	Cleveland	59.1	3-4	4.40							Colorado Sp.	49	.276	7	24
						Colorado Sp.	57.1	3-3	4.24	14	Browne, Jerry	S-R	5-10	170	2-13-66	Texas	73	.229	1	17
22	Havens, Brad	L-L	6-1	196	11-17-59	Cleveland	57.1	2-3	3.14							Oklahoma City	76	.252	5	34
						Los Angeles	9.2	0-0	4.66	15	Gonzales, Denny	R-R	5-11	185	7-22-63	Pittsburgh	24	.188	0	1
						Colorado Sp.	15.0	0-0	2.40							Buffalo	75	.296	8	39
11	Jones, Doug	R-R	6-2	195	6-24-57	Cleveland	83.1	3-4	2.27	1	Hinzo, Tommy	S-R	5-10	175	6-18-64	Colorado Sp.	119	.232	1	29
47	Kaiser, Jeff	R-L	6-3	195	7-24-60	Cleveland	2.2	0-0	0.00	26	Jacoby, Brook	R-R	5-11	195	11-23-59	Cleveland	152	.241	9	49
						Colorado Sp.	53.0	3-2	3.74	69	Medina, Luis	R-L	6-3	195	3-26-63	Cleveland	16	.255	6	8
54	Nichols, Rod	R-R	6-2	190	12-29-64	Cleveland	69.1	1-7	5.06							Colorado Sp.	111	.310	28	81
						Colorado Sp.	58.2	2-6	5.68	9	O'Brien, Pete	L-L	6-2	205	2-9-58	Texas	156	.272	16	71
47	Orosco, Jesse	R-L	6-2	185	4-21-57	Kinston	24.0	3-1	4.50	34	Williams, Eddie	R-R	6-0	175	11-1-64	Cleveland	10	.190	0	1
60	Ortiz, Angel	L-L	6-3	170	12-12-67	Los Angeles	53.0	3-2	2.72							Colorado Sp.	101	.301	12	58
41	Poehl, Michael	R-R	6-5	195	8-28-64	Waterloo	98.0	5-5	2.57	10	Zuvella, Paul	R-R	6-0	178	10-31-58	Cleveland	51	.231	0	7
64	Seanez, Rudy	R-R	6-0	170	10-20-68	Williamsport	51.1	5-2	2.98							Colorado Sp.	68	.289	1	28
57	Shaw, Jeff	R-R	6-2	185	7-7-66	Williamsport	113.1	6-6	4.69	Outfielders										
67	Skalski, Joe	R-R	6-3	190	9-26-64	Williamsport	163.2	5-19	3.63	30	Carter, Joe	R-R	6-3	215	3-7-60	Cleveland	157	.271	27	98
21	Swindell, Greg	S-L	6-3	225	1-2-65	Colorado Sp.	159.1	10-13	6.55	8	Castillo, Carmen	R-R	6-1	190	6-8-58	Cleveland	66	.273	4	14
48	Walker, Mike	R-R	6-1	175	10-4-66	Cleveland	242.0	18-14	3.20	25	Clark, David	L-R	6-2	198	9-3-62	Cleveland	63	.263	3	18
						Cleveland	8.2	0-1	7.27							Colorado Sp.	47	.297	4	31
						Williamsport	164.1	15-7	3.72	27	Hall, Mel	L-L	6-1	205	9-16-60	Colorado Sp.	150	.280	6	71
53	Wickander, Kevin	L-L	6-2	202	1-4-65	Colorado Sp.	32.2	0-2	7.16	20	McDowell, Oddibe	L-L	5-9	160	8-25-62	Cleveland	150	.280	6	71
						Williamsport	28.2	1-0	0.63							Texas	120	.247	6	37
42	Yett, Rich	R-R	6-2	187	10-6-62	Cleveland	134.1	9-6	4.62							Oklahoma City	18	.286	1	6
						Colorado Sp.	8.0	0-1	9.00	28	Snyder, Cory	R-R	6-3	185	11-11-62	Cleveland	142	.272	26	75
						Williamsport	3.1	0-1	8.10	Manager: Doc Edwards										
										Coaches: Jim Davenport, Luis Isaac, Charlie Manuel, Tom Spencer, Mark Wiley										

Manager: Doc Edwards

Coaches: Jim Davenport, Luis Isaac, Charlie Manuel, Tom Spencer, Mark Wiley

DETROIT TIGERS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
19	Alexander, Doyle	R-R	6-3	200	9-4-50	Detroit	229.0	14-11	4.32	12	Salazar, Luis	R-R	5-9	180	5-19-56	Detroit	130	.270	12	62
42	Beard, Dave	L-R	6-5	215	10-2-59	Toledo	104.2	6-7	3.01	20	Strange, Doug	S-R	6-2	170	4-13-64	Toledo	82	.201	6	19
						Glens Falls	46.1	3-3	1.75							Glens Falls	57	.280	1	36
48	Gibson, Paul	R-L	6-0	165	1-4-60	Detroit	92.0	4-2	2.93	3	Trammell, Alan	R-R	6-0	175	2-21-58	Detroit	128	.311	15	69
39	Henneman, Mike	R-R	6-4	195	12-11-61	Detroit	91.1	9-6	1.87	32	Walewander, Jim	S-R	5-10	158	5-2-61	Detroit	88	.211	0	6
21	Hernandez, Guillermo	L-L	6-2	185	11-14-54	Detroit	67.2	6-5	3.06							Toledo	4	.455	0	2
38	Holman, Shawn	R-R	6-2	186	11-10-64	Glens Falls	91.2	8-3	1.87	1	Whitaker, Lou	L-R	5-11	160	5-12-57	Detroit	115	.275	12	55
27	Huismann, Mark	R-R	6-3	195	5-11-58	Detroit	5.1	1-0	5.06	Outfielders										
						Toledo	57.2	4-6	1.87	4	Bean, Billy	L-L	6-1	185	5-11-64	Detroit	10	.182	0	0
45	Hursey, Darren	L-L	6-6	180	8-1-68	Lakeland	166.0	15-8	3.39							Toledo	138	.256	6	40
25	King, Eric	R-R	6-2	182	4-10-64	Detroit	68.2	4-1	3.41	22	Cuyler, Milt	S-R	5-10	175	10-7-68	Lakeland	132	.296	2	32
						Toledo	69.0	3-4	3.26	34	Lemon, Chet	R-R	6-0	190	2-12-55	Detroit	144	.264	17	64
47	Morris, Jack	R-R	6-3	200	5-16-55	Detroit	235.0	15-13	3.94	7	Lusader, Scott	L-L	5-10	165	9-30-64	Detroit	16	.063	1	3
37	Nosek, Randy	R-R	6-4	216	1-8-67	Lakeland	30.2	0-4	3.82							Toledo	89	.261	4	46
31	Ritz, Kevin	R-R	6-4	195	6-8-65	Glens Falls	136.2	8-10	3.82	9	Lynn, Fred	L-L	6-1	190	2-3-52	Detroit	27	.222	7	19
44	Robinson, Jeff	R-R	6-6	210	12-14-61	Detroit	172.0	13-6	2.98							Baltimore	87	.252	18	37
49	Searcy, Steve	L-L	6-1	185	6-4-64	Detroit	8.0	0-2	5.63	40	Murphy, Dwayne	L-R	6-1	185	3-18-55	Detroit	49	.250	4	19
						Toledo	170.0	13-7	2.59							Toledo	51	.220	5	15
26	Tanana, Frank	L-L	6-3	195	7-3-53	Detroit	203.0	14-11	4.21	24	Pettis, Gary	S-R	6-1	160	4-3-58	Detroit	129	.210	3	36
	Williams, Frank	R-R	6-1	205	2-13-58	Cincinnati	62.2	3-2	2.59	15	Sheridan, Pat	L-R	6-3	175	12-4-57	Detroit	127	.254	11	47
Catchers										Manager: Sparky Anderson										
10	Clark, Phil	R-R	6-0	175	5-6-68	Lakeland	109	.298	8	66	Coaches: Billy Consolo, Alex Grammas, Billy Muffett, Vada Pinson, Dick Tracewski									
18	DiMascio, Dan	R-R	6-1	195	10-8-64	Glens Falls	79	.280	6	31	TIGER TALES									
8	Heath, Mike	R-R	5-11	180	2-5-55	Detroit	86	.247	5	18	• Twenty-year-old outfielder Al Kaline batted .340 in 1955, making him the youngest player to win a major league batting title.									
33	Nokes, Matt	L-R	6-1	185	11-8-63	Detroit	122	.251	16	53	• Ty Cobb had his highest batting average in 1911, hitting .420. He had 248 hits, 144 RBI, scored 147 runs and hit in 40 straight games that season.									
Infielders										• Denny McLain was the last major league pitcher to win 30 games, going 31-6 and winning the Cy Young and Most Valuable Player awards in 1968.										
29	Austin, Pat	R-R	6-1	175	2-9-66	Glens Falls	89	.297	1	29										
14	Bergman, Dave	L-L	6-2	190	6-6-53	Detroit	116	.294	5	35										
16	Brookens, Tom	R-R	5-10	170	8-10-53	Detroit	136	.243	5	38										
35	Brown, Chris	R-R	6-2	210	8-15-61	San Diego	80	.235	2	19										
23	Lovullo, Torey	S-R	6-0	180	7-25-65	Detroit	12	.381	1	2										
						Toledo	57	.232	5	20										
						Glens Falls	78	.274	9	50										
30	Moreland, Keith	R-R	6-0	200	5-2-54	San Diego	143	.256	5	64										
17	Pedrique, Al	R-R	6-0	165	8-11-60	Pittsburgh	50	.180	0	4										

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
45	Adams, Ken	R-R	6-1	185	6-4-66	Baseball City	57.2	4-2	3.43	
27	Aquino, Luis	R-R	6-1	175	5-19-65	Kansas City	29.0	1-0	2.79	
19	Bannister, Floyd	L-L	6-1	190	6-10-55	Omaha	129.1	8-3	2.85	
54	Dejesus, Jose	R-R	6-5	175	1-6-65	Kansas City	189.1	12-13	4.33	
26	Farr, Steve	R-R	5-11	200	12-12-56	Kansas City	2.2	0-1	27.00	
39	Gleaton, Jerry Don	L-L	6-3	210	9-14-57	Omaha	49.2	2-3	3.44	
36	Gordon, Tom	R-R	5-9	160	11-18-67	Memphis	116.0	9-9	3.88	
23	Gubicza, Mark	R-R	6-5	210	8-14-62	Kansas City	82.2	5-4	2.50	
35	Lee, Mark	L-L	6-3	198	7-20-64	Kansas City	38.0	0-4	3.55	
37	Leibrandt, Charlie	R-L	6-3	200	10-4-56	Omaha	37.1	4-2	1.45	
40	Luecken, Rick	R-R	6-6	210	11-15-60	Kansas City	15.2	0-2	5.17	
21	Montgomery, Jeff	R-R	5-11	180	1-7-62	Omaha	20.1	3-0	1.33	
18	Saberhagen, Bret	R-R	6-1	185	4-11-64	Memphis	47.1	6-0	0.38	
31	Sanchez, Israel	L-L	5-9	171	8-20-63	Appleton	118.0	7-5	2.06	
52	Stottlemire, Mel	R-R	6-0	190	12-28-63	Kansas City	269.2	20-8	2.70	
46	Vasquez, Aguedo	R-R	5-10	160	2-5-67	Kansas City	5.0	0-0	3.60	
47	Wagner, Hector	R-R	6-3	185	11-26-68	Toledo	19.1	0-1	2.79	
8	Boone, Bob	R-R	6-2	207	11-19-47	Glens Falls	26.1	3-0	2.39	
11	Hearn, Ed	R-R	6-3	210	8-23-60	Lakeland	19.0	1-0	1.42	
	Catchers					Kansas City	243.0	13-12	3.19	
						Omaha	40.0	5-0	2.03	
						Memphis	24.2	4-1	2.19	
						Kansas City	62.2	7-2	3.45	
						Omaha	28.1	1-2	1.91	
						Kansas City	260.2	14-16	3.80	
						Kansas City	35.2	3-2	4.54	
						Omaha	102.0	7-4	2.91	
						Memphis	45.0	3-2	2.40	
						Omaha	4.0	0-0	9.00	
						Baseball City	80.2	3-2	1.67	
						Eugene	85.2	4-9	3.68	
							G	Avg.	HR	RBI
							122	.295	5	39
							7	.222	0	1
							17	.304	0	5

No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
8	Macfarlane, Mike	R-R	6-1	200	4-12-64	Kansas City	70	.265	4	26
24	Owen, Larry	R-R	5-10	190	5-31-55	Omaha	21	.237	2	8
29	Palacios, Rey	R-R	5-10	190	11-8-62	Kansas City	37	.210	1	3
	Infielders					Omaha	63	.215	9	32
2	Biancalana, Buddy	S-R	5-11	160	2-2-60	Kansas City	5	.091	0	0
5	Brett, George	L-R	6-0	200	5-15-53	Toledo	132	.230	5	27
14	Buckner, Bill	L-L	6-1	195	12-14-49	Omaha	91	.248	1	37
51	Delos Santos, Luis	R-R	6-5	190	12-29-66	Kansas City	157	.306	24	103
32	Pecota, Bill	R-R	6-2	190	2-16-60	Kansas City	89	.256	3	34
33	Seitzer, Kevin	R-R	5-11	180	3-26-62	California	19	.209	0	9
1	Stillwell, Kurt	S-R	5-11	175	6-4-65	Kansas City	11	.091	0	1
3	Wellman, Brad	R-R	6-0	170	8-17-59	Omaha	136	.307	6	87
20	White, Frank	R-R	5-11	190	9-4-50	Kansas City	90	.208	1	15
	Outfielders					Kansas City	149	.304	5	60
58	Brumfield, Jacob	R-R	6-0	170	5-27-65	Kansas City	128	.226	6	28
22	Eisenreich, Jim	L-L	5-11	195	4-18-59	Memphis	82	.218	1	19
16	Jackson, Bo	R-R	6-1	225	11-30-62	Omaha	36	.289	4	14
30	Tabler, Pat	R-R	6-2	198	2-2-58	Kansas City	124	.246	25	68
4	Tartabull, Danny	R-R	6-1	205	10-30-62	Kansas City	89	.309	1	49
25	Thurman, Gary	R-R	5-10	175	11-12-64	Cleveland	41	.224	1	17
59	Watkins, Darren	R-R	6-1	185	8-30-66	Kansas City	146	.274	26	102
6	Wilson, Willie	S-R	6-3	195	7-9-55	Kansas City	35	.167	0	2
						Omaha	106	.251	3	40
						Baseball City	17	.222	0	7
						Appleton	96	.265	4	46
						Kansas City	147	.262	1	37

Manager: John Wathan

Coaches: Glenn Ezell, Frank Funk, Adrian Garrett, Mike Lum, John Mayberry, Bob Schaefer

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
33	Aldrich, Jay	R-R	6-3	210	4-14-61	Denver	72.0	3-7	4.63	
38	August, Don	R-R	6-3	190	7-3-63	Milwaukee	148.1	13-7	3.09	
40	Birkbeck, Mike	R-R	6-2	190	3-10-61	Denver	71.2	4-1	3.52	
29	Bosio, Chris	R-R	6-3	225	4-3-63	Milwaukee	124.0	10-8	4.72	
48	Clutterbuck, Bryan	R-R	6-4	225	12-17-59	Denver	44.2	4-1	2.01	
32	Crim, Chuck	R-R	6-0	185	7-23-61	Denver	182.0	7-15	3.36	
55	Elvira, Narciso	L-L	5-10	160	10-29-67	Denver	14.0	1-0	3.86	
39	Filer, Tom	R-R	6-1	198	12-1-56	Milwaukee	130.2	9-3	3.44	
63	Henry, Doug	R-R	6-4	185	12-10-63	Denver	55.2	4-2	2.10	
49	Higuera, Ted	S-L	5-10	178	11-9-58	El Paso	45.2	4-0	3.15	
41	Knudson, Mark	R-R	6-5	215	10-28-60	Stockton	70.2	7-1	1.78	
27	Mirabella, Paul	L-L	6-2	185	3-20-54	Milwaukee	227.1	16-9	2.45	
20	Nieves, Juan	L-L	6-3	190	1-5-65	Milwaukee	16.0	0-0	1.13	
53	Perez, Leo	R-R	6-0	180	8-6-66	Denver	164.0	11-8	3.40	
37	Plesac, Dan	L-L	6-5	207	2-4-62	Denver	60.0	2-2	1.65	
58	Veres, Randy	R-R	6-3	189	11-25-65	Denver	9.2	0-0	0.93	
56	Watkins, Tim	R-R	6-4	210	8-14-64	Milwaukee	110.1	7-5	4.08	
46	Wegman, Bill	R-R	6-5	215	12-19-62	Denver	19.2	0-2	2.29	
59	McIntosh, Tim	R-R	5-11	195	3-21-65	Stockton	7.0	0-0	2.57	
22	O'Brien, Charlie	R-R	6-2	195	5-1-61	Beloit	122.2	10-8	2.05	
5	Surhoff, B.J.	L-R	6-1	195	8-4-64	Milwaukee	52.1	1-2	2.41	
9	Brock, Greg	L-R	6-3	205	6-14-57	El Paso	39.1	3-2	3.66	
						Stockton	110.0	8-4	3.35	
						Denver	68.0	6-3	4.10	
						Milwaukee	199.0	13-13	4.12	
	Catchers						G	Avg.	HR	RBI
							138	.283	15	92
							40	.220	2	9
							48	.281	4	25
							139	.245	5	38
	Infielders									

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
61	Canale, George	L-R	6-1	190	8-11-65	El Paso	132	.242	23	93
3	Castillo, Juan	S-R	5-11	155	1-25-62	Milwaukee	54	.222	0	2
2	Diaz, Edgar	R-R	6-0	160	2-8-64	Milwaukee	79	.234	0	21
17	Gantner, Jim	L-R	5-11	175	1-5-54	Milwaukee	155	.276	0	47
23	Meyer, Joey	R-R	6-3	260	5-10-62	Milwaukee	103	.263	11	45
4	Molitor, Paul	R-R	6-0	185	8-22-56	Milwaukee	154	.312	13	60
10	Polidor, Gus	R-R	6-0	180	10-26-61	California	54	.148	0	4
1	Sheffield, Gary	R-R	5-11	190	11-18-68	Edmonton	11	.364	0	7
7	Sveum, Dale	S-R	6-3	185	11-23-63	Milwaukee	24	.238	4	12
	Outfielders					Denver	57	.344	9	54
26	Braggs, Glenn	R-R	6-3	210	10-17-62	El Paso	77	.314	19	65
64	Carrillo, Matias	L-L	5-11	185	2-2-64	Milwaukee	129	.242	9	51
45	Deer, Rob	R-R	6-3	210	9-29-60	Milwaukee	72	.261	10	42
16	Felder, Mike	S-R	5-8	160	11-18-62	El Paso	106	.298	12	55
57	Freeman, LaVel	L-L	5-9	170	2-18-63	Milwaukee	135	.252	23	85
18	Hamilton, Darryl	L-R	6-1	180	12-3-64	Denver	50	.173	0	5
11	Vaughn, Greg	R-R	6-0	193	7-3-65	Denver	20	.269	0	5
2	Young, Mike	S-R	6-2	206	3-20-60	Milwaukee	111	.318	5	59
19	Yount, Robin	R-R	6-0	180	9-16-55	Milwaukee	44	.184	1	11
						Philadelphia	72	.325	0	32
						El Paso	131	.301	28	105
						Milwaukee	8	.000	0	0
						Philadelphia	75	.226	1	14
						Milwaukee	162	.306	13	91

Manager: Tom Trebelhorn

Coaches: Duffy Dyer, Andy Etchebarren, Larry Haney, Chuck Hartenstein, Tony Muser

BREWER BRAVURA

- Pete Vuckovich led the American League in winning percentage his first two seasons with the Brewers (1981, .778; 1982, .750).
- Two Brewer teams have hit 200 or more home runs: 1980—203 HR, led by Ben Oglivie (41); and 1982—216, Gorman Thomas (39).

MINNESOTA TWINS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
37	Abbott, Paul	R-R	6-3	185	9-15-67	Visalia	172.1	11-9	4.18	2	Backman, Wally	S-R	5-9	168	9-22-59	New York (NL)	99	.303	0	17
49	Anderson, Allan	L-L	6-0	186	1-7-64	Minnesota	202.1	16-9	2.45	21	Baker, Doug	S-R	5-9	165	4-3-61	Minnesota	11	.000	0	0
						Portland	14.1	1-1	1.26							Portland	121	.245	2	41
22	Atherton, Keith	R-R	6-4	200	2-19-59	Minnesota	74.0	7-5	3.41	8	Gaetti, Gary	R-R	6-0	200	8-19-58	Minnesota	133	.301	28	88
40	Berenguer, Juan	R-R	5-11	223	11-30-54	Minnesota	100.0	8-4	3.96	7	Gagne, Greg	R-R	5-11	177	11-12-61	Minnesota	149	.236	14	48
33	Cook, Mike	R-R	6-3	215	8-14-63	California	3.2	0-1	4.91	14	Hrbek, Kent	L-R	6-4	244	5-21-60	Minnesota	143	.312	25	76
						Edmonton	91.0	5-9	4.65	9	Larkin, Gene	S-R	6-3	204	10-24-62	Minnesota	149	.267	8	70
48	Davins, Jim	R-R	6-3	215	5-23-64	Portland	61.0	0-5	5.61	4	Lombardozzi, Steve	R-R	6-0	183	4-26-60	Minnesota	103	.209	3	27
39	Dyer, Mike	R-R	6-3	195	9-8-66	Orlando	162.1	11-13	3.94	26	Newman, Al	S-R	5-9	183	6-30-60	Minnesota	105	.223	0	19
36	Galvez, Balvino	R-R	6-1	198	3-31-64	Portland	143.1	11-7	3.77	Outfielders										
						Orlando	23.2	2-0	3.04	25	Bush, Randy	L-L	6-1	186	10-5-58	Minnesota	136	.261	14	51
46	Gonzalez, German	R-R	6-0	170	10-3-65	Minnesota	21.1	0-0	3.38	27	Davidson, Mark	R-R	6-2	190	2-15-61	Minnesota	100	.217	1	10
						Orlando	61.2	2-1	1.02							Portland	15	.321	0	5
53	Lea, Charlie	R-R	6-4	200	12-25-56	Minnesota	130.0	7-7	4.85	59	Delima, Rafael	L-L	5-11	175	12-21-67	Orlando	137	.286	3	46
50	Pittman, Park	R-R	6-0	175	8-5-65	Orlando	103.2	8-7	3.82	5	Dwyer, Jim	L-L	5-10	186	1-3-50	Minnesota	20	.293	2	15
28	Rawley, Shane	R-L	6-0	185	7-27-55	Philadelphia	198.0	8-16	4.18							Baltimore	35	.226	0	3
41	Reardon, Jeff	R-R	6-0	200	10-1-55	Minnesota	73.0	2-4	2.47	32	Gladden, Dan	R-R	5-11	175	7-7-57	Minnesota	141	.269	11	62
37	Schatzeder, Dan	L-L	6-0	195	12-1-54	Minnesota	10.1	0-1	1.74	1	Moses, John	S-L	5-10	170	8-9-57	Minnesota	105	.316	2	12
						Cleveland	16.0	0-2	9.56							Portland	17	.348	0	6
						Portland	86.2	6-4	2.60	34	Puckett, Kirby	R-R	5-8	210	3-14-61	Minnesota	158	.356	24	121
23	Smith, Roy	R-R	6-3	200	9-6-61	Minnesota	37.0	3-0	2.68	Manager: Tom Kelly										
						Portland	150.0	12-9	4.32	Coaches: Tony Oliva, Rick Renick, Rick Stelmazek, Dick Such, Wayne Terwilliger										
17	Straker, Les	R-R	6-1	193	10-10-59	Minnesota	82.2	2-5	3.92	TWINS TIDBITS										
						Portland	19.2	0-0	3.20	• The 1964 Twins are one of only three teams to have six players with 20 or more home runs in a season: Harmon Killebrew (49), Bob Allison (32), Tony Oliva (32), Jimmie Hall (25), Don Mincher (23) and Zoilo Versalles (20).										
31	Toliver, Fred	R-R	6-1	170	2-3-61	Minnesota	114.2	7-6	4.24	• Rod Carew was the American League batting leader seven of the 12 years he was with the Twins.										
						Portland	95.0	7-2	3.13	• From 1961 to 1972, Harmon Killebrew led the Twins in home runs every year except 1968. He ended his career with 573.										
16	Viola, Frank	L-L	6-4	209	4-19-60	Minnesota	255.1	24-7	2.64											
38	Williams, Jimmy	L-L	6-6	225	5-18-65	Visalia	51.0	3-4	3.71											
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI										
12	Harper, Brian	R-R	6-2	195	10-16-59	Minnesota	60	.295	3	20										
						Portland	46	.353	13	42										
15	Laudner, Tim	R-R	6-3	214	6-7-58	Minnesota	117	.251	13	54										
51	Parks, Derek	R-R	6-1	195	9-29-68	Orlando	118	.235	7	42										

NEW YORK YANKEES

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
45	Candelaria, John	R-L	6-6	225	12-4-53	New York	157.0	13-7	3.38	53	Maas, Kevin	L-L	6-3	195	1-20-65	Albany	109	.263	16	55
55	Chapin, Darrin	R-R	6-0	170	2-1-66	Albany	4.0	0-0	11.25							Prince William	29	.296	12	35
						Ft. Lauderdale	63.0	6-4	0.86	23	Mattingly, Don	L-L	6-0	175	4-20-61	New York	144	.311	18	88
36	Dotson, Richard	R-R	6-0	204	1-10-59	New York	171.0	12-9	5.00	57	Meulens, Hensley	R-R	6-3	190	6-23-67	Columbus	55	.230	6	22
29	Eiland, David	R-R	6-3	210	7-5-66	New York	12.2	0-0	6.39							Albany	79	.245	13	40
						Columbus	24.1	1-1	2.59	13	Pagliarulo, Mike	L-R	6-2	195	6-15-60	New York	125	.216	15	67
						Albany	119.1	9-5	2.56	21	Phelps, Ken	L-L	6-1	200	8-6-54	New York	45	.224	10	22
35	Guetterman, Lee	L-L	6-8	225	11-22-58	New York	40.2	1-2	4.65							Seattle	72	.284	14	32
						Columbus	120.2	9-6	2.76	17	Santana, Rafael	R-R	6-1	160	1-31-58	New York	148	.240	4	38
40	Hawkins, Andy	R-R	6-3	217	1-21-60	San Diego	217.2	14-11	3.35	6	Sax, Steve	R-R	5-11	179	1-29-60	Los Angeles	160	.277	5	57
41	Hudson, Charles	R-R	6-3	185	3-16-59	New York	106.1	6-6	4.49	2	Tolleson, Wayne	S-R	5-9	160	9-22-55	New York	21	.254	0	5
38	Jones, Jimmy	R-R	6-2	190	4-20-64	San Diego	179.0	9-14	4.12							New York	48	.174	5	12
29	LaPoint, Dave	L-L	6-3	231	7-9-59	Pittsburgh	52.0	4-2	2.77							Columbus	78	.270	5	37
						Chicago (AL)	161.1	10-11	3.40	Outfielders										
28	Leiter, Al	L-L	6-3	210	10-23-65	New York	57.1	4-4	3.92	61	Azocar, Oscar	L-L	6-1	170	2-21-65	Albany	138	.273	6	66
						Columbus	13.0	0-2	3.46							Houston	19	.231	1	2
34	McCullers, Lance	S-R	6-1	218	3-8-64	San Diego	97.2	3-6	2.49							Tucson	102	.261	18	68
54	Mohorcic, Dale	R-R	6-3	220	1-25-56	New York	22.2	2-2	2.78	24	Henderson, Rickey	R-L	5-10	195	12-25-58	New York	140	.305	6	50
						Texas	52.0	2-6	4.85	59	Jefferson, Stan	S-L	5-11	175	12-4-62	San Diego	49	.144	1	4
43	Pena, Hipolito	L-L	6-3	165	1-30-64	New York	14.1	1-1	3.14							Las Vegas	74	.317	4	33
						Columbus	104.2	7-6	3.87	39	Kelly, Roberto	R-R	6-4	185	10-1-64	New York	38	.247	1	7
58	Ridenour, Dana	R-R	6-2	205	11-15-65	Columbus	21.1	1-2	2.11							Columbus	30	.333	3	16
						Albany	43.2	5-4	3.92	22	Ward, Gary	R-R	6-2	202	12-6-53	New York	91	.225	4	24
19	Righetti, Dave	L-L	6-4	210	11-28-58	New York	87.0	5-4	3.52	25	Williams, Bernie	R-R	6-2	180	9-13-68	Prince William	91	.338	7	45
51	Schulze, Don	R-R	6-3	230	9-27-62	Toledo	185.1	10-13	3.11	31	Winfield, Dave	R-R	6-6	220	10-3-51	New York	149	.322	25	107
33	Shields, Steve	R-R	6-5	230	11-30-58	New York	82.1	5-5	4.37	Manager: Dallas Green										
						Columbus	25.0	0-1	2.52	Coaches: Billy Connors, Pat Corrales, Lee Elia, Charlie Fox, Frank Howard, John Stearns										
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI	YANKEE YARNS									
52	Geren, Bob	R-R	6-3	205	9-22-61	New York	10	.100	0	0	• Lou Gehrig, who played in a major league-record 2,130 consecutive games, hit the most grand slams (23) in major league history.									
						Columbus	95	.271	8	35	• During his 56-game hitting streak in 1941, Joe DiMaggio batted .408, hit 15 home runs, drove in 55 runs and struck out only seven times.									
20	Quirk, Jamie	L-R	6-4	200	10-22-54	Kansas City	84	.240	8	25										
12	Skinner, Joel	R-R	6-4	204	2-21-61	New York	88	.227	4	23										
11	Slaught, Don	R-R	6-1	190	9-11-58	New York	97	.283	9	43										

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
54	Burns, Todd	R-R	6-2	190	7-6-63	Oakland	102.2	8-2	3.16	
						Tacoma	73.1	4-3	3.68	
32	Cadaret, Greg	L-L	6-3	205	2-27-62	Oakland	71.2	5-2	2.89	
41	Corsi, Jim	R-R	6-1	210	9-9-61	Oakland	21.1	0-1	3.80	
						Tacoma	59.0	2-5	2.75	
14	Davis, Storm	R-R	6-4	200	12-26-61	Oakland	201.2	16-7	3.70	
43	Eckersley, Dennis	R-R	6-2	195	10-3-54	Oakland	72.2	4-2	2.35	
40	Honeycutt, Rick	L-L	6-1	191	6-29-54	Oakland	79.2	3-2	3.50	
56	Law, Joe	R-R	6-2	200	2-4-62	Tacoma	66.1	5-3	3.93	
						Huntsville	116.0	9-3	2.56	
23	Moore, Mike	R-R	6-4	205	11-26-59	Seattle	228.2	9-15	3.78	
19	Nelson, Gene	R-R	6-0	175	12-3-60	Oakland	111.2	9-6	3.06	
38	Otto, Dave	L-L	6-7	210	11-12-64	Oakland	10.0	0-0	1.80	
						Tacoma	127.2	4-9	3.52	
51	Plunk, Eric	R-R	6-5	210	9-3-63	Oakland	78.0	7-2	3.00	
34	Stewart, Dave	R-R	6-2	200	2-19-57	Oakland	275.2	21-12	3.23	
59	Veres, David	R-R	6-2	195	10-19-66	Huntsville	39.0	3-4	4.15	
						Modesto	125.0	4-11	3.31	
35	Welch, Bob	R-R	6-3	195	11-3-56	Oakland	244.2	17-9	3.64	
29	Young, Curt	R-L	6-1	175	10-18-59	Oakland	156.1	11-8	4.14	
20	Young, Matt	L-L	6-3	205	8-9-58	Oakland	Injured—did not play			
	Catchers						G	Avg.	HR	RBI
24	Hassey, Ron	L-R	6-2	195	2-27-53	Oakland	107	.257	7	45
49	McGinnis, Russ	R-R	6-3	215	6-18-63	Tacoma	63	.253	2	21
						Huntsville	23	.260	2	15
11	Sinatro, Matt	R-R	5-9	175	3-22-60	Oakland	10	.333	0	5
						Tacoma	77	.231	2	23
36	Steinbach, Terry	R-R	6-1	195	3-2-62	Oakland	104	.265	9	51
	Infielders									
30	Blankenship, Lance	R-R	6-0	185	12-6-63	Oakland	10	.000	0	0
						Tacoma	131	.265	9	52
9	Gallego, Mike	R-R	5-8	160	10-31-60	Oakland	129	.209	2	20
57	Hemond, Scott	R-R	6-0	205	11-18-65	Huntsville	133	.220	9	53
17	Hubbard, Glenn	R-R	5-7	170	9-25-57	Oakland	105	.255	3	33
4	Lansford, Carney	R-R	6-2	195	2-7-57	Oakland	150	.279	7	57

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
25	McGwire, Mark	R-R	6-5	225	10-1-63	Oakland	155	.260	32	99
2	Phillips, Tony	S-R	5-10	175	4-15-59	Oakland	79	.203	2	17
						Tacoma	16	.271	2	8
7	Weiss, Walt	S-R	6-0	175	11-28-63	Oakland	147	.250	3	39
	Outfielders									
33	Canseco, Jose	R-R	6-3	230	7-2-64	Oakland	158	.307	42	124
46	Canseco, Ozzie	R-R	6-2	210	7-2-64	Huntsville	27	.222	3	12
						Madison	99	.273	12	68
42	Henderson, Dave	R-R	6-2	220	7-21-58	Oakland	146	.304	24	94
48	Howard, Steve	R-R	6-2	205	12-7-63	Huntsville	128	.247	17	78
28	Javier, Stan	S-R	6-0	185	9-1-65	Oakland	125	.257	2	35
6	Jose, Felix	S-R	6-1	190	5-8-65	Oakland	8	.333	0	1
						Tacoma	133	.317	12	83
39	Parker, Dave	L-R	6-5	245	6-9-51	Oakland	101	.257	12	55
22	Polonia, Luis	L-L	5-8	155	10-12-64	Oakland	84	.292	2	27
						Tacoma	65	.335	2	27

Manager: Tony La Russa

Coaches: Dave Duncan, Art Kusyner, Rene Lachemann, Dave McKay, Merv Rettenmund

ATHLETICS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Reggie Jackson, American League MVP in 1973, hit .293 with 32 home runs and 117 RBI to lead Oakland to a second consecutive World Series championship. The Athletics won three straight, 1972-74.
- Vida Blue was AL MVP and Cy Young winner in 1971: 24-8, 1.82 ERA, 301 strikeouts, eight shutouts.
- Catfish Hunter pitched a perfect game against Minnesota in 1968.
- Mark McGwire hit 49 home runs in 1987 to break the major league rookie record held by Wally Berger and Frank Robinson (38).

SEATTLE MARINERS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
15	Bankhead, Scott	R-R	5-10	185	7-31-63	Seattle	135.0	7-9	3.07	
27	Campbell, Mike	R-R	6-3	210	2-17-64	Seattle	114.2	6-10	5.89	
						Calgary	70.1	4-4	4.48	
33	Dobie, Reggie	R-R	6-1	174	8-17-64	Tidewater	112.0	8-5	3.86	
39	Hanson, Erik	R-R	6-6	205	5-18-65	Seattle	41.2	2-3	3.24	
						Calgary	161.2	12-7	4.23	
38	Jackson, Mike	R-R	6-0	185	12-22-64	Seattle	99.1	6-5	2.63	
12	Langston, Mark	R-L	6-2	188	8-20-60	Seattle	261.1	15-11	3.34	
36	McLaughlin, Colin	S-R	6-6	205	6-9-59	Syracuse	69.0	9-4	2.88	
49	Niedenfuhr, Tom	R-R	6-5	230	8-13-59	Baltimore	59.0	3-4	3.51	
31	Reed, Jerry	R-R	6-1	190	10-8-55	Seattle	86.1	1-1	3.96	
40	Schooler, Mike	R-R	6-3	220	8-10-62	Seattle	48.1	5-8	3.54	
						Calgary	33.2	4-4	3.21	
37	Solano, Julio	R-R	6-1	170	1-8-60	Seattle	22.0	0-0	4.09	
						Calgary	35.0	3-2	4.89	
18	Swift, Bill	R-R	6-0	180	10-27-61	Seattle	174.2	8-12	4.59	
44	Taylor, Terry	R-R	6-1	180	7-28-64	Seattle	23.0	0-1	6.26	
						Calgary	134.0	11-9	5.64	
34	Trout, Steve	L-L	6-4	190	7-30-57	Seattle	56.1	4-7	7.83	
32	Walter, Gene	L-L	6-4	201	11-22-60	Seattle	26.1	1-0	5.13	
						New York (NL)	16.2	0-1	3.78	
						Calgary	8.2	0-0	2.08	
13	Wilkinson, Bill	R-L	5-10	160	8-10-64	Seattle	31.0	2-2	3.48	
						Calgary	23.2	0-4	9.13	
41	Zavaras, Clint	R-R	6-1	175	1-4-67	Vermont	128.2	10-7	3.92	
	Catchers						G	Avg.	HR	RBI
9	Bradley, Scott	L-R	5-11	185	3-22-60	Seattle	103	.257	4	33
25	Goff, Jerry	L-R	6-3	205	4-12-64	S. Bernardino	65	.287	13	43
						Vermont	63	.210	7	23
10	Valle, David	R-R	6-2	200	10-30-60	Seattle	93	.231	10	50
	Infielders									
45	Balboni, Steve	R-R	6-3	225	1-16-57	Seattle	97	.251	21	61
						Kansas City	21	.143	2	5
21	Davis, Alvin	L-R	6-1	190	9-9-60	Seattle	140	.295	18	69

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
8	Diaz, Mario	R-R	5-10	160	1-10-62	Seattle	28	.306	0	9
						Calgary	46	.329	1	30
26	Lennon, Patrick	R-R	6-2	200	6-27-68	Vermont	95	.259	9	40
11	Martinez, Edgar	R-R	5-11	175	1-2-63	Seattle	14	.281	0	5
						Calgary	95	.363	8	64
17	Presley, Jim	R-R	6-1	190	10-23-61	Seattle	150	.230	14	62
51	Quinones, Rey	R-R	5-11	185	11-11-63	Seattle	140	.248	12	52
1	Renteria, Rich	R-R	5-9	175	12-25-61	Seattle	31	.205	0	6
						Calgary	24	.264	4	10
4	Reynolds, Harold	S-R	5-11	165	11-26-60	Seattle	158	.283	4	41
30	Vizquel, Omar	S-R	5-9	155	5-15-67	Calgary	33	.224	1	12
						Vermont	103	.253	2	35
	Outfielders									
14	Brantley, Mickey	R-R	5-10	180	6-17-61	Seattle	149	.263	15	56
23	Briley, Greg	L-R	5-8	165	5-24-65	Seattle	13	.250	1	4
						Calgary	112	.313	11	66
43	Buhner, Jay	R-R	6-3	205	8-13-64	Seattle	60	.224	10	25
						New York (AL)	25	.188	3	13
						Columbus	38	.256	8	18
2	Coles, Darnell	R-R	6-1	185	6-2-62	Seattle	55	.292	10	34
						Pittsburgh	68	.232	5	36
28	Cotto, Henry	R-R	6-2	178	1-5-61	Seattle	133	.259	8	33
16	Hengel, Dave	R-R	6-0	195	12-18-61	Seattle	26	.167	2	7
						Calgary	62	.230	6	37
7	Kingery, Mike	L-L	6-0	180	3-29-61	Seattle	57	.203	1	9
						Calgary	47	.318	1	14
00	Leonard, Jeffrey	R-R	6-4	205	9-22-55	Milwaukee	94	.235	8	44
						San Francisco	44	.256	2	20

Manager: Jim Lefebvre

Coaches: Gene Clines, Bob Didier, Rusty Kuntz, Mike Paul, Bill Plummer

MARINERS MAGIC

- Alvin Davis, 1984 AL Rookie of the Year, was Seattle's first award winner.
- Mark Langston was AL strikeout leader in 1984, '86 and '87.

TEXAS RANGERS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
24	Akerfelds, Darrel	R-R	6-2	210	6-12-62	Colorado Sp.	58.0	3-7	4.34	
27	Barfield, John	L-L	6-1	185	10-15-64	Tulsa	169.0	9-9	2.88	
41	Brown, Kevin	R-R	6-4	188	3-14-65	Texas	23.1	1-1	4.24	
						Tulsa	174.1	12-10	3.51	
18	Correa, Edwin	R-R	6-2	215	4-29-66	Texas	Injured—did not play			
51	Guante, Cecilio	R-R	6-3	205	2-2-60	Texas	4.2	0-0	1.93	
						New York (AL)	75.0	5-6	2.88	
23	Guzman, Jose	R-R	6-3	185	4-9-63	Texas	206.2	11-13	3.70	
44	Hall, Drew	L-L	6-4	205	3-27-63	Chicago (NL)	22.1	1-1	7.66	
						Iowa	65.1	4-3	2.34	
45	Henry, Dwayne	R-R	6-3	205	2-16-62	Texas	10.1	0-1	8.71	
						Oklahoma City	75.2	5-5	5.59	
49	Hough, Charlie	R-R	6-2	190	1-5-48	Texas	252.0	15-16	3.32	
48	May, Scott	R-R	6-0	185	11-11-61	Texas	7.1	0-0	8.59	
						Oklahoma City	151.2	8-7	2.97	
38	McMurtry, Craig	R-R	6-5	192	11-5-59	Texas	60.0	3-3	2.25	
						Oklahoma City	49.2	2-5	4.35	
39	Moyer, Jamie	L-L	6-1	170	11-18-62	Chicago (NL)	202.0	9-15	3.48	
42	Pavlas, Dave	R-R	6-7	180	8-12-62	Oklahoma City	52.1	3-1	4.47	
						Tulsa	77.1	5-2	1.98	
46	Raether, Rick	R-R	6-4	192	5-30-64	Tulsa	56.1	4-1	0.96	
61	Rogers, Kenny	L-L	6-1	200	11-10-64	Tulsa	83.1	4-6	4.00	
						Charlotte	35.1	2-0	1.27	
40	Russell, Jeff	R-R	6-3	210	9-2-61	Texas	188.2	10-9	3.82	
34	Ryan, Nolan	R-R	6-2	210	1-31-47	Houston	220.0	12-11	3.52	
43	Vande Berg, Ed	L-L	6-2	180	10-26-58	Texas	37.0	2-2	4.14	
36	Witt, Bobby	R-R	6-2	205	5-11-64	Texas	174.1	8-10	3.92	
						Oklahoma City	76.2	4-6	4.34	
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI
7	Kreuter, Chad	S-R	6-2	190	8-26-64	Texas	16	.275	1	5
						Tulsa	108	.265	3	51
12	Petralli, Geno	L-R	6-1	180	9-25-59	Texas	129	.282	7	36
10	Sundberg, Jim	R-R	6-0	192	5-18-51	Texas	38	.286	4	13
						Chicago (NL)	24	.241	2	9

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
25	Bell, Buddy	R-R	6-3	200	8-27-51	Houston	74	.253	7	37
						Cincinnati	21	.185	0	3
22	Buechele, Steve	R-R	6-2	190	9-26-61	Texas	155	.250	16	58
1	Fletcher, Scott	R-R	5-11	173	7-30-58	Texas	140	.276	0	47
14	Franco, Julio	R-R	6-0	165	8-23-61	Cleveland	152	.303	10	54
20	Kunkel, Jeff	R-R	6-2	190	3-25-62	Texas	55	.227	2	15
						Oklahoma City	56	.217	5	21
19	Meacham, Bobby	R-R	6-1	180	8-25-60	New York (AL)	47	.217	0	7
3	Palmeiro, Rafael	L-L	6-0	180	9-24-64	Chicago (NL)	152	.307	8	53
16	Palmer, Dean	R-R	6-1	175	12-27-68	Charlotte	74	.266	4	35
8	Sanchez, Rey	R-R	5-10	180	10-5-67	Charlotte	128	.306	0	38

Outfielders

6	Espy, Cecil	S-R	6-3	195	1-20-63	Texas	123	.248	2	39
13	Gonzalez, Juan	R-R	6-3	175	10-16-69	Charlotte	77	.256	8	43
29	Incaviglia, Pete	R-R	6-1	220	4-2-64	Texas	116	.249	22	54
47	Reimer, Kevin	L-R	6-2	215	6-28-64	Texas	12	.120	1	2
						Tulsa	133	.302	21	76
21	Sierra, Ruben	S-R	6-1	175	10-6-65	Texas	156	.254	23	91
17	Sosa, Sam	R-R	6-0	165	11-10-68	Charlotte	131	.229	9	51

Manager: Bobby Valentine

Coaches: Dick Egan, Toby Harrah, Tom House, Davey Lopes, Dave Oliver, Tom Robson

REIGNING RANGERS

- Ferguson Jenkins, 25-12 in 1974, is the only 20-game winner in the Rangers' 17-year history. He also owns the club's highest winning percentage, .692 (18-8) in 1978.
- On May 25, 1981, Bill Stein got an American League-record seventh consecutive pinch hit.
- In 1974, first baseman Mike Hargrove hit .323 and was AL Rookie of the Year. He hit over .300 in 1975 and '77 also.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	IP	W-L	ERA	
53	Blair, Willie	R-R	6-1	185	12-18-65	Knoxville	102.0	5-5	3.62	
						Dunedin	6.2	2-0	2.70	
27	Castillo, Tony	L-L	5-10	177	3-1-63	Toronto	15.0	1-0	3.00	
						Knoxville	8.0	1-0	0.00	
						Dunedin	42.2	4-3	1.48	
55	Cerutti, John	L-L	6-2	200	4-28-60	Toronto	123.2	6-7	3.13	
32	Cummings, Steve	S-R	6-2	200	7-15-64	Knoxville	212.2	14-11	2.75	
38	Eichhorn, Mark	R-R	6-3	200	11-21-60	Toronto	66.2	0-3	4.19	
						Syracuse	38.1	4-4	1.17	
46	Flanagan, Mike	L-L	6-0	195	12-16-51	Toronto	211.0	13-13	4.18	
49	Guzman, Juan	R-R	6-0	190	10-28-66	Knoxville	84.0	4-5	2.36	
35	Hall, Darren	R-R	6-3	205	7-14-64	Knoxville	40.1	3-2	2.23	
						Dunedin	9.1	1-1	1.93	
50	Henke, Tom	R-R	6-5	225	12-21-57	Toronto	68.0	4-4	2.91	
42	Hernandez, Xavier	L-R	6-2	185	8-16-65	Knoxville	68.1	2-4	2.90	
						Myrtle Beach	148.0	13-6	2.49	
48	Jones, Dennis	L-L	6-6	195	7-26-66	Knoxville	83.2	8-4	2.58	
22	Key, Jimmy	R-L	6-1	190	4-22-61	Toronto	131.1	12-5	3.29	
13	Musselman, Jeff	L-L	6-0	185	6-21-63	Toronto	85.0	8-5	3.18	
						Syracuse	49.0	4-1	2.94	
						Dunedin	5.2	0-0	3.18	
45	Nunez, Jose	R-R	6-3	185	1-13-64	Syracuse	71.1	5-4	2.90	
37	Stieb, Dave	R-R	6-0	195	7-22-57	Toronto	207.1	16-8	3.04	
30	Stottlemire, Todd	L-R	6-3	190	5-20-65	Toronto	98.0	4-8	5.69	
						Syracuse	48.1	5-0	2.05	
31	Ward, Duane	R-R	6-4	205	5-28-64	Toronto	111.2	9-3	3.30	
36	Wells, David	L-L	6-4	225	5-20-63	Toronto	64.1	3-5	4.62	
						Syracuse	5.2	0-0	0.00	
Catchers							G	Avg.	HR	RBI
10	Borders, Pat	R-R	6-2	205	5-14-63	Toronto	56	.273	5	21
						Syracuse	35	.242	3	14
	Brenly, Bob	R-R	6-2	205	2-25-54	San Francisco	73	.189	5	22
21	Cabrera, Francisco	R-R	6-4	195	10-10-66	Knoxville	119	.284	20	54
						Dunedin	9	.400	1	9
52	Myers, Greg	L-R	6-2	202	4-14-66	Syracuse	34	.283	7	21
12	Whitt, Ernie	L-R	6-2	200	6-13-52	Toronto	127	.251	16	70

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1988 Club	G	Avg.	HR	RBI
1	Fernandez, Tony	S-R	6-2	175	6-30-62	Toronto	154	.287	5	70
17	Gruber, Kelly	R-R	6-0	185	2-26-62	Toronto	158	.278	16	81
14	Infante, Alexis	R-R	5-11	182	12-4-61	Toronto	19	.200	0	0
						Syracuse	97	.300	2	28
39	Kelly, Jimmy	R-R	6-0	150	7-13-70	Knoxville	118	.210	3	30
4	Lee, Manny	S-R	5-9	161	6-17-65	Toronto	117	.291	2	38
2	Liriano, Nelson	S-R	5-10	165	6-3-64	Toronto	103	.264	3	23
						Syracuse	8	.194	0	1
19	McGriff, Fred	L-L	6-3	208	10-31-63	Toronto	154	.282	34	82
5	Mulliniks, Rance	L-R	6-0	175	1-15-56	Toronto	119	.300	12	48
52	Sojo, Luis	R-R	5-11	174	1-3-66	Myrtle Beach	135	.289	5	56

Outfielders

29	Barfield, Jesse	R-R	6-1	200	10-29-59	Toronto	136	.244	18	56
34	Batiste, Kevin	R-R	6-1	187	10-21-66	Syracuse	34	.229	1	9
						Knoxville	112	.234	3	22
11	Bell, George	R-R	6-1	202	10-21-59	Toronto	156	.269	24	97
40	Ducey, Rob	L-R	6-2	173	5-24-65	Toronto	27	.315	0	6
						Syracuse	90	.256	7	42
54	Felix, Junior	S-R	5-11	165	10-3-67	Knoxville	93	.253	3	25
15	Moseby, Lloyd	L-R	6-3	200	11-5-59	Toronto	128	.239	10	42
40	Whiten, Mark	R-R	6-3	210	11-25-66	Knoxville	28	.259	2	9
						Dunedin	99	.252	7	37

Manager: Jimmy Williams

Coaches: Cito Gaston, John McLaren, Mike Squires, John Sullivan, Al Widmar

BLUE JAY BITS

- Catcher Ernie Whitt is the only player on the 1989 roster who was with the Blue Jays' expansion team in 1977.
- In 1986, outfielder Jesse Barfield and shortstop Tony Fernandez became Toronto's first Gold Glove winners. Both players won Gold Gloves in 1987, and Fernandez repeated in 1988.

1988 SEASON WRAP-UP

NATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION					WEST DIVISION				
Club	W	L	Pct.	GB	Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	100	60	.625	-	Los Angeles	94	67	.584	-
Pittsburgh	85	75	.531	15	Cincinnati	87	74	.540	7
Montreal	81	81	.500	20	San Diego	83	78	.516	11
Chicago	77	85	.475	24	San Francisco	83	79	.512	11½
St. Louis	76	86	.469	25	Houston	82	80	.506	12½
Philadelphia	65	96	.404	35½	Atlanta	54	106	.338	39½

Los Angeles won league championship over New York, four games to three.

HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE	HOME RUNS	RBI
.313 Tony Gwynn	39 Darryl Strawberry	109 Will Clark
.307 Rafael Palmeiro	30 Glenn Davis	101 Darryl Strawberry
.303 Andre Dawson	29 Will Clark	100 Bobby Bonilla
.302 Andres Galarraga	29 Andres Galarraga	100 Andy Van Slyke
.300 Gerald Perry	27 Kevin McReynolds	99 Glenn Davis
.296 Mark Grace	26 Eric Davis	99 Kevin McReynolds
.296 Barry Larkin	25 Kirk Gibson	93 Eric Davis
.293 Vance Law	25 Andy Van Slyke	92 Andres Galarraga
.292 Willie McGee	Five are tied with 24.	90 Hubie Brooks
.291 Kal Daniels		82 Mike Marshall

HITS	RUNS	STOLEN BASES
184 Andres Galarraga	109 Brett Butler	81 Vince Coleman
179 Andre Dawson	106 Kirk Gibson	65 Gerald Young
178 Rafael Palmeiro	102 Will Clark	57 Ozzie Smith
175 Steve Sax	101 Darryl Strawberry	46 Otis Nixon
174 Barry Larkin	101 Andy Van Slyke	46 Chris Sabo
169 Andy Van Slyke	99 Andres Galarraga	43 Brett Butler
164 Hubie Brooks	97 Barry Bonds	42 Steve Sax
164 Willie McGee	95 Kal Daniels	41 Willie McGee
164 Gerald Perry	91 Barry Larkin	40 Barry Larkin
Four are tied with 163.	87 Bobby Bonilla	35 Eric Davis

PITCHING LEADERS

ERA	WINS	SAVES
2.18 Joe Magrane	23 Orel Hershisier	39 John Franco
2.22 David Cone	23 Danny Jackson	34 Jim Gott
2.26 Orel Hershisier	20 David Cone	32 Todd Worrell
2.32 John Tudor	19 Rick Reuschel	28 Steve Bedrosian
2.39 Jose Rijo	18 Tom Browning	28 Mark Davis
2.44 Pascual Perez	18 Dwight Gooden	27 Dave Smith
2.45 Don Robinson	18 Greg Maddux	26 Randy Myers
2.71 Bob Walk	17 Ron Darling	21 Jay Howell
2.72 Dennis Martinez	17 Tim Lary	18 Tim Burke
2.73 Danny Jackson	Two are tied with 16.	16 Roger McDowell

STRIKEOUTS	SHUTOUTS	COMPLETE GAMES
228 Nolan Ryan	8 Orel Hershisier	15 Orel Hershisier
213 David Cone	6 Danny Jackson	15 Danny Jackson
208 Jose DeLeon	6 Tim Lary	13 Eric Show
190 Mike Scott	5 Mike Ojeda	12 Rick Sutcliffe
189 Sid Fernandez	5 Mike Scott	10 Dwight Gooden
180 Tim Lary	4 David Cone	9 Tim Lary
178 Orel Hershisier	4 Ron Darling	9 Greg Maddux
175 Dwight Gooden	Five are tied with 3.	9 Dennis Martinez
162 Kevin Gross		8 David Cone
Two are tied with 161.		8 Mike Scott

ATTENDANCE

*Club record

EAST	1988	1987	Change
Chicago	2,089,034	2,035,130	+53,904
Montreal	1,478,659	1,850,324	-371,665
New York	3,055,445*	3,034,129	+21,316
Philadelphia	1,990,041	2,100,110	-110,069
Pittsburgh	1,866,713*	1,161,193	+705,520
St. Louis	2,892,799	3,072,122	-179,323

WEST	1988	1987	Change
Atlanta	1,848,089	1,217,402	+630,687
Cincinnati	2,072,528	2,185,205	-112,677
Houston	1,933,505	1,909,902	+23,603
Los Angeles	2,980,262	2,797,409	+182,853
San Diego	1,506,896	1,454,061	+52,835
San Francisco	1,785,297	1,917,168	-131,871
Totals	24,499,268	24,734,155	-234,887

AMERICAN LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION					WEST DIVISION				
Club	W	L	Pct.	GB	Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	89	73	.549	-	Oakland	104	58	.642	-
Detroit	88	74	.543	1	Minnesota	91	71	.562	13
Milwaukee	87	75	.537	2	Kansas City	84	77	.522	19½
Toronto	87	75	.537	2	California	75	87	.463	29
New York	85	76	.528	3½	Chicago	71	90	.441	32½
Cleveland	78	84	.481	11	Texas	70	91	.435	33½
Baltimore	54	107	.335	34½	Seattle	68	93	.422	35½

Oakland won league championship over Boston, four games to none.

HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE	HOME RUNS	RBI
.366 Wade Boggs	42 Jose Canseco	124 Jose Canseco
.356 Kirby Puckett	34 Fred McGriff	121 Kirby Puckett
.325 Mike Greenwell	32 Mark McGwire	119 Mike Greenwell
.322 Dave Winfield	28 Gary Gaetti	111 Dwight Evans
.312 Kent Hrbek	28 Eddie Murray	107 Dave Winfield
.312 Paul Molitor	27 Joe Carter	103 George Brett
.311 Don Mattingly	27 Jack Clark	102 Danny Tartabull
.311 Alan Trammell	26 Cory Snyder	99 Mark McGwire
.307 Jose Canseco	26 Danny Tartabull	98 Joe Carter
.306 Robin Yount	Five are tied with 25.	97 George Bell

HITS	RUNS	STOLEN BASES
234 Kirby Puckett	128 Wade Boggs	93 Rickey Henderson
214 Wade Boggs	120 Jose Canseco	44 Gary Pettis
192 Mike Greenwell	118 Rickey Henderson	41 Paul Molitor
190 Paul Molitor	115 Paul Molitor	40 Jose Canseco
190 Robin Yount	109 Kirby Puckett	35 Harold Reynolds
187 Jose Canseco	100 Dave Henderson	35 Willie Wilson
186 Tony Fernandez	100 Fred McGriff	33 Cecil Espy
186 Julio Franco	96 Dwight Evans	33 Oddibe' McDowell
186 Don Mattingly	96 Dave Winfield	31 Lloyd Moseby
184 Johnny Ray	94 Don Mattingly	29 Carney Lansford

PITCHING LEADERS

ERA	WINS	SAVES
2.45 Allan Anderson	24 Frank Viola	45 Dennis Eckersley
2.45 Ted Higuera	21 Dave Stewart	42 Jeff Reardon
2.64 Frank Viola	20 Mark Gubicza	37 Doug Jones
2.70 Mark Gubicza	18 Roger Clemens	34 Bob Thigpen
2.93 Roger Clemens	18 Bruce Hurst	30 Dan Plesac
2.98 Jeff Robinson	18 Greg Swindell	29 Lee Smith
3.04 Dave Stieb	17 Bob Welch	25 Tom Henke
3.19 Charlie Leibrandt	Four are tied with 16.	25 Dave Righetti
3.20 Greg Swindell		22 Mike Henneman
3.23 Dave Stewart		20 Steve Farr

STRIKEOUTS	SHUTOUTS	COMPLETE GAMES
291 Roger Clemens	8 Roger Clemens	14 Roger Clemens
235 Mark Langston	4 Mark Gubicza	14 Dave Stewart
193 Frank Viola	4 Dave Stieb	13 Bobby Witt
192 Ted Higuera	4 Greg Swindell	12 Greg Swindell
192 Dave Stewart	3 Paul Kilgus	12 Mike Witt
183 Mark Gubicza	3 Mark Langston	11 Tom Candiotti
182 Mike Moore	3 Mike Moore	11 Walt Terrell
180 Greg Swindell	14 are tied with 2.	10 Charlie Hough
174 Charlie Hough		10 Jack Morris
171 Bret Saberhagen		Four are tied with 9.

ATTENDANCE

*Club record †Major League record

EAST	1988	1987	Change
Baltimore	1,660,738	1,835,692	-174,954
Boston	2,464,851*	2,231,551	+233,300
Cleveland	1,411,610	1,077,898	+333,712
Detroit	2,081,162	2,061,830	+19,332
Milwaukee	1,923,238	1,909,244	+13,994
New York	2,633,701*	2,427,672	+206,029
Toronto	2,595,175	2,778,429	-183,254

WEST	1988	1987	Change
California	2,340,925	2,696,299	-355,374
Chicago	1,115,749	1,208,060	-92,311
Kansas City	2,350,181	2,392,471	-42,290
Minnesota	3,030,672*	2,081,976	+948,696
Oakland	2,287,335*	1,678,921	+608,414
Seattle	1,022,398	1,134,255	-111,857
Texas	1,581,901	1,763,053	-181,152
Totals	28,499,636†	27,277,351	+1,222,285

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CLUB BATTING

Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	OR	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SH	SF	SB	CS	Slg. Pct.	OB Pct.	ShO	LOB
Chicago	.261	163	5675	660	694	1481	262	46	113	612	2174	57	46	120	46	.383	.310	13	1136
New York	.256	160	5408	703	532	1387	251	24	152	659	2142	65	56	140	51	.396	.325	6	1138
Montreal	.251	163	5573	628	592	1400	260	48	107	575	2077	66	44	189	89	.373	.309	12	1081
St. Louis	.249	162	5518	578	633	1373	207	33	71	536	1859	105	48	234	64	.337	.309	16	1174
San Francisco	.248	162	5450	670	626	1353	227	44	113	629	2007	91	51	121	78	.368	.318	14	1130
Los Angeles	.248	162	5431	628	544	1346	217	25	99	587	1910	95	50	131	46	.352	.305	10	1075
San Diego	.247	161	5366	594	583	1325	205	35	94	566	1882	106	45	123	50	.351	.311	11	1109
Pittsburgh	.247	160	5379	651	616	1327	240	45	110	619	1987	66	60	119	60	.369	.317	10	1137
Cincinnati	.246	161	5426	641	596	1334	246	25	122	588	1996	69	51	207	56	.368	.309	14	1075
Houston	.244	162	5494	617	631	1338	239	31	96	575	1927	77	44	198	71	.351	.306	14	1087
Atlanta	.242	160	5440	555	741	1319	228	28	96	527	1891	74	46	95	69	.348	.298	17	1038
Philadelphia	.240	162	5403	597	734	1294	246	31	106	567	1920	67	48	112	49	.355	.306	16	1115

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

* Bats left-handed # Switch-hitter

50 or more games—pitchers not listed

Player, Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	GW	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI	Slg. Pct.	OB Pct.
Aldrete, Mike, S.F.*	.267	139	389	44	104	128	15	0	3	50	5	1	3	0	56	13	65	6	5	10	.329	.357
Alicea, Luis, St.L.#	.212	93	297	20	63	84	10	4	1	24	4	4	2	2	25	4	32	1	1	12	.283	.276
Alomar, Roberto, S.D.#	.266	143	545	84	145	208	24	6	9	41	9	16	0	3	47	5	83	24	6	15	.382	.328
Anderson, Dave, L.A.	.249	116	285	31	71	91	10	2	2	20	2	5	2	1	32	4	45	4	2	9	.319	.325
Ashby, Alan, Hou.#	.238	73	227	19	54	85	10	0	7	33	4	1	4	0	29	3	36	0	0	5	.374	.319
Backman, Wally, N.Y.#	.303	99	294	44	89	101	12	0	0	17	2	9	2	1	41	1	49	9	5	6	.344	.388
Bass, Kevin, Hou.#	.255	157	541	57	138	211	27	2	14	72	7	3	3	6	42	10	65	31	6	16	.390	.314
Bell, Buddy, Cin.-Hou.	.241	95	323	27	78	111	10	1	7	40	6	0	3	0	26	2	32	1	1	10	.344	.295
Belliard, Rafael, Pitt.	.213	122	286	28	61	69	0	4	0	11	1	5	0	4	26	3	47	7	1	10	.241	.288
Benedict, Bruce, Atl.	.242	90	236	11	57	64	7	0	0	19	1	5	2	0	19	1	26	0	2	2	.271	.296
Berryhill, Damon, Chi.#	.259	95	309	19	80	122	19	1	7	38	6	3	3	0	17	5	56	1	0	11	.395	.295
Biggio, Craig, Hou.	.211	50	123	14	26	43	6	1	3	5	1	1	0	0	7	2	29	6	1	1	.350	.254
Blocker, Terry, Atl.*	.212	66	198	13	42	56	4	2	2	10	1	2	0	0	10	3	20	1	1	6	.283	.250
Bonds, Barry, Pitt.*	.283	144	538	97	152	264	30	5	24	58	3	0	2	2	72	14	82	17	11	3	.491	.368
Bonilla, Bobby, Pitt.#	.274	159	584	87	160	278	32	7	24	100	13	0	8	4	85	19	82	3	5	4	.476	.366
Bradley, Phil, Phil.	.264	154	569	77	150	223	30	5	11	56	7	3	6	16	54	0	106	11	9	11	.392	.341
Bream, Sid, Pitt.*	.264	148	462	50	122	189	37	0	10	65	7	4	8	1	47	6	64	9	9	11	.409	.328
Brenly, Bob, S.F.	.189	73	206	13	39	61	7	0	5	22	2	2	2	2	20	3	40	1	2	3	.296	.265
Brooks, Hubie, Mtl.	.279	151	588	61	164	263	35	2	20	90	11	0	4	1	35	3	108	7	3	21	.447	.318
Brown, Chris, S.D.	.235	80	247	14	58	70	6	0	2	19	1	3	2	3	19	3	49	0	0	9	.283	.295
Brunansky, Tom, St.L.	.245	143	523	69	128	224	22	4	22	79	9	1	6	4	79	6	82	16	6	17	.428	.345
Butler, Brett, S.F.*	.287	157	568	109	163	226	27	9	6	43	3	8	2	4	97	4	64	43	20	2	.398	.393
Candaele, Casey, Mtl.-Hou.#	.170	57	147	11	25	35	8	1	0	5	0	3	0	0	11	1	17	1	1	7	.238	.228
Cangelosi, John, Pitt.#	.254	75	118	18	30	36	4	1	0	8	0	3	0	1	17	0	16	9	4	0	.305	.353
Carter, Gary, N.Y.	.242	130	455	39	110	163	16	2	11	46	8	1	6	7	34	1	52	0	2	8	.358	.301
Clark, Will, S.F.*	.282	162	575	102	162	292	31	6	29	109	13	0	10	4	100	27	129	9	1	9	.508	.386
Coleman, Vince, St.L.#	.260	153	616	77	160	209	20	10	3	38	4	8	5	1	49	4	111	81	27	4	.339	.313
Coles, Darnell, Pitt.	.232	68	211	20	49	79	13	1	5	36	7	0	7	3	20	1	41	1	1	3	.374	.299
Collins, Dave, Cin.#	.236	99	174	12	41	51	6	2	0	14	2	0	2	2	11	0	27	7	2	0	.293	.286
Concepcion, Dave, Cin.	.198	84	197	11	39	48	9	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	18	5	23	3	2	4	.244	.265
Daniels, Kal, Cin.*	.291	140	495	95	144	229	29	1	18	64	9	0	4	3	87	10	94	27	6	11	.463	.397
Daulton, Darren, Phil.*	.208	58	144	13	30	39	6	0	1	12	1	0	2	0	17	1	26	2	1	2	.271	.288
Davis, Eric, Cin.	.273	135	472	81	129	231	18	3	26	93	21	0	3	3	65	10	124	35	3	11	.489	.363
Davis, Glenn, Hou.	.271	152	561	78	152	268	26	0	30	99	14	0	9	11	53	20	77	4	3	11	.478	.341
Davis, Jody, Chi.-Atl.	.230	90	257	21	59	89	9	0	7	36	4	2	3	1	29	3	52	0	3	7	.346	.307
Davis, Mike, L.A.*	.196	108	281	29	55	76	11	2	2	17	3	2	2	0	25	0	59	7	3	6	.270	.260
Dawson, Andre, Chi.	.303	157	591	78	179	298	31	8	24	79	6	1	7	4	37	12	73	12	4	13	.504	.344
Dempsey, Rick, L.A.	.251	77	167	25	42	76	13	0	7	30	3	0	6	0	25	0	44	1	0	4	.455	.338
Dernier, Bob, Phil.	.289	68	166	19	48	56	3	1	1	10	2	3	0	1	9	0	19	13	6	2	.337	.330
Diaz, Bo, Cin.	.219	92	315	26	69	108	9	0	10	35	3	1	3	1	7	4	41	0	2	16	.343	.236
Doran, Bill, Hou.#	.248	132	480	66	119	160	18	1	7	53	9	4	2	1	65	3	60	17	4	7	.333	.338
Dunston, Shawon, Chi.	.249	155	575	69	143	205	23	6	9	56	7	4	2	2	16	8	108	30	9	6	.357	.271
Dykstra, Lenny, N.Y.*	.270	126	429	57	116	165	19	3	8	33	5	2	2	3	30	2	43	30	8	3	.385	.321
Elster, Kevin, N.Y.	.214	149	406	41	87	127	11	1	9	37	6	6	0	3	35	12	47	2	0	5	.313	.282
Esasky, Nick, Cin.	.243	122	391	40	95	161	17	2	15	62	8	0	7	4	48	4	104	7	2	6	.412	.327
Fitzgerald, Mike, Mtl.	.271	63	155	17	42	65	6	1	5	23	5	4	2	0	19	0	22	2	2	4	.419	.347
Flannery, Tim, S.D.*	.265	79	170	16	45	58	5	4	0	19	2	5	2	4	24	1	32	3	2	5	.341	.365
Foley, Tom, Mtl.*	.265	127	377	33	100	142	21	3	5	43	6	0	3	1	30	10	49	2	7	11	.377	.319
Ford, Curt, St.L.*	.195	91	128	11	25	34	6	0	1	18	2	1	2	0	8	1	26	6	1	4	.266	.239
Galarraga, Andres, Mtl.	.302	157	609	99	184	329	42	8	29	92	16	0	3	10	39	9	153	13	4	12	.540	.352
Gant, Ron, Atl.	.259	146	563	85	146	247	28	8	19	60	3	2	4	3	46	4	118	19	10	7	.439	.317
Gibson, Kirk, L.A.*	.290	150	542	106	157	262	28	1	25	76	9	3	7	7	73	14	120	31	4	8	.483	.377
Grace, Mark, Chi.*	.296	134	486	65	144	196	23	4	7	57	9	0	4	0	60	5	43	3	3	12	.403	.371
Griffey, Ken, Atl.-Cin.*	.255	94	243	26	62	80	6	0	4	23	3	0	2	0	19	3	31	1	3	5	.329	.307
Griffin, Alfredo, L.A.#	.199	95	316	39	63	80	8	3	1	27	4	11	1	2	24	7	30	7	5	3	.253	.259
Gross, Greg, Phil.*	.203	98	133	10	27	28	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	16	1	3	0	0	3	.211	.291
Guerrero, Pedro, L.A.-St.L.	.286	103	364	40	104	152	14	2	10	65	14	0	7	5	46	9	59	4	1	5	.418	.367
Gwynn, Tony, S.D.*	.313	133	521	64	163	216	22	5	7	70	12	4	2	0	51	13	40	26	11	11	.415	.373

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INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Player, Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	GW	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI	Sg.	OB
																				DP	Pct.	Pct.
Hall, Albert, Atl.#	.247	85	231	27	57	69	7	1	1	15	2	2	1	2	21	1	35	15	10	4	.299	.314
Hamilton, Jeff, L.A.	.236	111	309	34	73	109	14	2	6	33	3	2	2	4	10	1	51	0	2	8	.353	.268
Hatcher, Billy, Hou.	.268	145	530	79	142	196	25	4	7	52	11	8	8	8	37	4	56	32	13	6	.370	.321
Hatcher, Mickey, L.A.	.293	88	191	22	56	67	8	0	1	25	6	0	2	2	7	3	7	0	0	7	.351	.322
Hayes, Von, Phil.*	.272	104	367	43	100	150	28	2	6	45	5	1	5	1	49	5	59	20	9	3	.409	.355
Heep, Danny, L.A.*	.242	95	149	14	36	38	2	0	0	11	1	0	1	1	22	0	13	2	0	4	.255	.341
Hernandez, Keith, N.Y.*	.276	95	348	43	96	145	16	0	11	55	9	0	4	1	31	3	57	2	1	11	.417	.333
Horner, Bob, St.L.	.257	60	206	15	53	73	9	1	3	33	6	0	8	1	32	6	23	0	0	9	.354	.348
Hudler, Rex, Mtl.	.273	77	216	38	59	89	14	2	4	14	1	1	2	0	10	6	34	29	7	2	.412	.303
Jackson, Darrin, Chi.	.266	100	188	29	50	85	11	3	6	20	1	2	1	1	5	1	28	4	1	3	.452	.287
James, Chris, Phil.	.242	150	566	57	137	220	24	1	19	66	5	0	5	3	31	2	73	7	4	15	.389	.283
James, Dion, Atl.*	.256	132	386	46	99	135	17	5	3	30	2	2	2	1	58	5	59	9	9	12	.350	.353
Jeltz, Steve, Phil.#	.187	148	379	39	71	90	11	4	0	27	1	10	2	0	59	8	58	3	0	11	.237	.295
Johnson, Howard, N.Y.#	.230	148	495	85	114	209	21	1	24	68	7	2	8	3	86	25	104	23	7	6	.422	.343
Johnson, Wallace, Mtl.#	.309	86	94	7	29	36	5	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	12	1	15	0	2	2	.383	.387
Jones, Tracy, Cin.-Mtl.	.295	90	224	29	66	83	6	1	3	24	4	3	0	2	20	3	18	18	6	5	.371	.358
Jordan, Ricky, Phil.	.308	69	273	41	84	134	15	1	11	43	8	0	1	0	7	2	39	1	1	5	.491	.324
Kruk, John, S.D.*	.241	120	378	54	91	137	17	1	9	44	6	3	5	0	80	12	68	5	3	7	.362	.369
Larkin, Barry, Cin.	.296	151	588	91	174	252	32	5	12	56	5	10	5	8	41	3	24	40	7	7	.429	.347
LaValliere, Mike, Pitt.*	.261	120	352	24	92	116	18	0	2	47	7	1	4	2	50	10	34	3	2	8	.330	.353
Law, Vance, Chi.	.293	151	556	73	163	229	29	2	11	78	12	4	3	3	55	4	79	1	4	15	.412	.358
Lawless, Tom, St.L.	.154	54	65	9	10	17	2	1	1	3	0	7	0	0	7	0	9	6	0	1	.262	.236
Lind, Jose, Pitt.	.262	154	611	82	160	198	24	4	2	49	6	12	3	0	42	0	75	15	4	11	.324	.308
Lyons, Barry, N.Y.	.231	50	91	5	21	30	7	1	0	11	1	3	1	0	3	0	12	0	0	3	.330	.253
Mack, Shane, S.D.	.244	56	119	13	29	32	3	0	0	12	2	3	1	3	14	0	21	5	1	2	.269	.336
Magadan, Dave, N.Y.*	.277	112	314	39	87	105	15	0	1	35	5	1	3	2	60	4	39	0	1	9	.334	.393
Maldonado, Candy, S.F.	.255	142	499	53	127	188	23	1	12	68	7	3	6	7	37	1	89	6	5	13	.377	.311
Marshall, Mike, L.A.	.277	144	542	63	150	241	27	2	20	82	12	0	4	7	24	7	93	4	1	17	.445	.314
Martinez, Carmelo, S.D.	.236	121	365	48	86	152	12	0	18	65	12	3	2	0	35	3	57	1	1	10	.416	.301
Martinez, Dave, Chi.-Mtl.*	.255	138	447	51	114	157	13	6	6	46	6	2	5	2	38	8	94	23	9	3	.351	.313
Mazzilli, Lee, N.Y.#	.147	68	116	9	17	19	2	0	0	12	3	0	3	1	12	0	16	4	1	3	.164	.227
McClendon, Lloyd, Cin.	.219	72	137	9	30	43	4	0	3	14	0	1	2	2	15	1	22	4	0	6	.314	.301
McGee, Willie, St.L.#	.292	137	562	73	164	209	24	6	3	50	9	2	3	1	32	5	84	41	6	10	.372	.329
McReynolds, Kevin, N.Y.	.288	147	552	82	159	274	30	2	27	99	19	1	5	4	38	3	56	21	0	6	.496	.336
Melvin, Bob, S.F.	.234	92	273	23	64	103	13	1	8	27	2	1	1	0	13	0	46	0	2	5	.377	.268
Mitchell, Kevin, S.F.	.251	148	505	60	127	223	25	7	19	80	14	1	7	5	48	7	85	5	5	9	.442	.319
Moreland, Keith, S.D.	.256	143	511	40	131	169	23	0	5	64	13	2	9	0	40	6	51	2	3	17	.331	.305
Morrison, Jim, Atl.	.152	51	92	6	14	22	2	0	2	13	3	0	3	0	10	1	13	0	1	2	.239	.229
Mumphrey, Jerry, Chi.#	.136	63	66	3	9	11	2	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	7	2	16	0	0	3	.167	.219
Murphy, Dale, Atl.	.226	156	592	77	134	249	35	4	24	77	6	0	3	2	74	16	125	3	5	24	.421	.313
Nettles, Graig, Mtl.*	.172	80	93	5	16	23	4	0	1	14	4	0	2	0	9	2	19	0	0	4	.247	.240
Nixon, Donell, S.F.	.346	59	78	15	27	30	3	0	0	6	2	1	0	0	10	0	12	11	8	1	.385	.420
Nixon, Otis, Mtl.#	.244	90	271	47	66	78	8	2	0	15	0	4	2	0	28	0	42	46	13	0	.288	.312
Oberkfell, Ken, Atl.-Pitt.*	.271	140	476	49	129	168	22	4	3	42	4	6	8	2	37	7	34	4	5	8	.353	.321
Oester, Ron, Cin.#	.280	54	150	20	42	49	7	0	0	10	2	3	1	0	9	3	24	0	2	2	.327	.319
O'Neill, Paul, Cin.*	.252	145	485	58	122	201	25	3	16	73	10	3	5	2	38	5	65	8	6	7	.414	.306
Oquendo, Jose, St.L.#	.277	148	451	36	125	158	10	1	7	46	2	12	3	0	52	7	40	4	6	8	.350	.350
Pagnozzi, Tom, St.L.	.282	81	195	17	55	64	9	0	0	15	1	2	1	0	11	1	32	0	0	5	.328	.319
Palmeiro, Rafael, Chi.*	.307	152	580	75	178	253	41	5	8	53	0	2	6	3	38	6	34	12	2	11	.436	.349
Pankovits, Jim, Hou.	.221	68	140	13	31	46	7	1	2	12	1	2	1	2	8	0	28	2	1	1	.329	.272
Parrish, Lance, Phil.	.215	123	424	44	91	157	17	2	15	60	7	0	5	2	47	7	93	0	0	11	.370	.293
Pedrique, Al, Pitt.	.180	50	128	7	23	28	5	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	8	2	17	0	0	4	.219	.234
Pena, Tony, St.L.	.263	149	505	55	133	188	23	1	10	51	6	3	4	1	33	11	60	6	2	12	.372	.308
Pendleton, Terry, St.L.#	.253	110	391	44	99	141	20	2	6	53	6	4	3	2	21	4	51	3	3	9	.361	.293
Perry, Gerald, Atl.*	.300	141	547	61	164	219	29	1	8	74	9	1	10	1	36	9	49	29	14	18	.400	.338
Puhl, Terry, Hou.*	.303	113	234	42	71	91	7	2	3	19	4	1	1	1	35	3	30	22	4	0	.389	.395
Raines, Tim, Mtl.#	.270	109	429	66	116	185	19	7	12	48	6	0	4	2	53	14	44	33	7	8	.431	.350
Ramirez, Rafael, Hou.	.276	155	566	51	156	214	30	5	6	59	8	4	6	3	18	6	61	3	2	16	.378	.298
Ready, Randy, S.D.	.266	114	331	43	88	129	16	2	7	39	3	4	3	3	39	1	38	6	2	3	.390	.346
Reed, Jeff, Mtl.-Cin.*	.226	92	265	20	60	76	9	2	1	16	1	1	1	0	28	1	41	1	0	5	.287	.299
Reynolds, Craig, Hou.*	.255	78	161	20	41	51	7	0	1	14	2	1	0	0	8	2	23	3	0	1	.317	.290
Reynolds, R.J., Pitt.#	.248	130	323	35	80	116	14	2	6	51	7	0	4	0	20	3	62	15	2	5	.359	.288
Riles, Ernest, S.F.*	.294	79	187	26	55	75	7	2	3	28	4	0	4	0	10	2	33	1	2	5	.401	.323
Rivera, Luis, Mtl.	.224	123	371	35	83	118	17	3	4	30	5	3	3	1	24	4	69	3	4	9	.318	.271
Royster, Jerry, Atl.	.176	68	102	8	18	21	3	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	6	1	16	0	0	2	.206	.222
Runge, Paul, Atl.	.211	52	76	11	16	21	5	0	0	7	1	0	1	0	14	0	21	0	0	4	.276	.330
Sabo, Chris, Cin.	.271	137	538	74	146	223	40	2	11	44	8	5	4	6	29	1	52	46	14	12	.414	.314
Samuel, Juan, Phil.	.243	157	629	68	153	239	32	9	12	67	8	0	5	12	39	6	151	33	10	8	.380	.298
Sandberg, Ryne, Chi.	.264	155	618	77	163	259	23	8	19	69	9	1	5	1	54	3	91	25	10	14	.419	.322
Santiago, Benito, S.D.	.248	139	492	49	122	178	22	2	10	46	4	5	5	1	24	2	82	15	7	18	.362	.282
Santovenia, Nelson, Mtl.	.236	92	309	26	73	121	20	2	8	41	4	4	4	3	24	3	77	2	3	4	.392	.294
Sasser, Mackey, N.Y.*	.285	60	123	9	35	50	10	1	1	17	2	0	2	0	6	4	9	0	0	4	.407	.313

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Player, Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	GW	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI	Sg.	OB
Teufel, Tim, N.Y.	.234	90	273	35	64	96	20	0	4	31	3	2	4	1	29	1	41	0	1	6	.352	.306
Thomas, Andres, Atl.	.252	153	606	54	153	218	22	2	13	68	4	0	6	1	14	6	95	7	3	17	.360	.268
Thompson, Milt, Phil.*	.288	122	378	53	109	135	16	2	2	33	2	2	3	1	39	6	59	17	9	8	.357	.354
Thompson, Robby, S.F.	.264	138	477	66	126	183	24	6	7	48	5	14	5	4	40	0	111	14	5	7	.384	.323
Thon, Dickie, S.D.	.264	95	258	36	68	87	12	2	1	18	3	2	2	1	33	0	49	19	4	4	.337	.347
Treadway, Jeff, Cin.	.252	103	301	30	76	109	19	4	2	23	3	4	6	3	27	7	30	2	0	4	.362	.315
Trevino, Alex, Hou.	.249	78	193	19	48	71	17	0	2	13	1	3	0	3	24	4	29	5	2	8	.368	.341
Trillo, Manny, Chi.	.250	76	164	15	41	49	5	0	1	14	3	4	1	0	8	0	32	2	0	2	.299	.283
Uribe, Jose, S.F.#	.252	141	493	47	124	157	10	7	3	35	10	4	2	0	36	10	69	14	10	3	.318	.301
Van Slyke, Andy, Pitt.*	.288	154	587	101	169	297	23	15	25	100	16	1	13	1	57	2	126	30	9	8	.506	.345
Virgil, Ozzie, Atl.	.256	107	320	23	82	119	10	0	9	31	4	2	1	5	22	1	54	2	0	10	.372	.313
Wallach, Tim, Mtl.	.257	159	592	52	152	230	32	5	12	69	6	0	7	3	38	7	88	2	6	19	.389	.302
Walling, Denny, Hou.-St.L.*	.239	84	234	22	56	76	13	2	1	21	2	1	0	0	17	3	25	2	0	3	.325	.291
Webster, Mitch, Mtl.-Chi.#	.260	151	523	69	136	186	16	8	6	39	4	5	4	8	55	2	87	22	14	5	.356	.337
Williams, Matt, S.F.	.205	52	156	17	32	64	6	1	8	19	3	3	1	2	8	0	41	0	1	7	.410	.251
Wilson, Mookie, N.Y.#	.296	112	378	61	112	163	17	5	8	41	3	1	2	2	27	2	63	15	4	12	.431	.345
Winningham, Herm, Mtl.-Cin.*	.232	100	203	16	47	58	3	4	0	21	3	3	2	0	17	1	45	12	8	2	.286	.288
Woodson, Tracy, L.A.	.249	65	173	15	43	58	4	1	3	15	4	0	2	1	7	1	32	1	2	4	.335	.279
Wynne, Marvell, S.D.*	.264	128	333	37	88	142	13	4	11	42	5	3	2	0	31	2	62	3	4	3	.426	.325
Young, Gerald, Hou.#	.257	149	576	79	148	187	21	9	0	37	4	5	5	3	66	1	66	65	27	10	.325	.334
Young, Mike, Phil.#	.226	75	146	13	33	50	14	0	1	14	1	0	2	1	26	1	43	0	0	1	.342	.343
Youngblood, Joel, S.F.	.252	83	123	12	31	35	4	0	0	16	2	2	3	1	10	0	17	1	1	5	.285	.307

CLUB PITCHING

Club	ERA	G	CG	ShO	Sv.	IP	H	Rel.	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.	Opp.
New York	2.91	160	31	22	46	1439.0	1253	241	532	465	78	35	404	33	1100	41	40	.235
Los Angeles	2.96	162	32	24	49	1463.1	1291	295	544	482	84	22	473	61	1029	43	30	.237
Montreal	3.08	163	18	12	43	1482.2	1310	307	592	508	122	36	476	61	923	39	41	.238
San Diego	3.28	161	30	9	39	1449.0	1332	238	583	528	112	21	439	52	885	41	16	.247
Cincinnati	3.35	161	24	13	43	1455.0	1271	343	596	541	121	27	504	62	934	33	37	.237
San Francisco	3.39	162	25	13	42	1462.1	1323	290	626	550	99	30	422	68	875	44	22	.242
Houston	3.41	162	21	15	40	1474.2	1339	284	631	558	123	37	478	73	1049	31	34	.243
Pittsburgh	3.47	160	12	11	46	1440.2	1349	313	616	555	108	32	469	47	790	66	40	.250
St. Louis	3.47	162	17	14	42	1470.2	1387	333	633	567	91	18	486	90	881	60	33	.252
Chicago	3.84	163	30	10	29	1464.1	1494	289	694	625	115	31	490	75	897	56	26	.265
Atlanta	4.09	160	14	4	25	1446.0	1481	318	741	657	108	43	524	65	810	45	28	.268
Philadelphia	4.14	162	16	6	36	1433.0	1447	336	734	659	118	36	628	79	859	52	19	.265

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

* Throws left-handed

45 or more innings

Pitcher, Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GF	ShO	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.
Agosto, Juan, Hou.*	10	2	2.26	75	0	0	33	0	4	91.2	74	371	27	23	6	9	5	0	30	13	33	3	5
Alvarez, Jose, Atl.	5	6	2.99	60	0	0	23	0	3	102.1	88	436	34	34	7	8	3	6	53	12	81	4	1
Andersen, Larry, Hou.	2	4	2.94	53	0	0	25	0	5	82.2	82	350	29	27	3	3	3	1	20	8	66	1	2
Andujar, Joaquin, Hou.	2	5	4.00	23	10	0	4	0	0	78.2	94	351	43	35	9	4	4	5	21	5	35	0	3
Armstrong, Jack, Cin.	4	7	5.79	14	13	0	0	0	0	65.1	63	293	44	42	8	4	5	0	38	2	45	3	2
Assenmacher, Paul, Atl.*	8	7	3.06	64	0	0	32	0	5	79.1	72	329	28	27	4	8	1	1	32	11	71	7	0
Bedrosian, Steve, Phil.	6	6	3.75	57	0	0	49	0	28	74.1	75	322	34	31	6	0	3	0	27	5	61	0	0
Belcher, Tim, L.A.	12	6	2.91	36	27	4	5	1	4	179.2	143	719	65	58	8	6	1	2	51	7	152	4	0
Bielecki, Mike, Chi.	2	2	3.35	19	5	0	7	0	0	48.1	55	215	22	18	4	1	4	0	16	1	33	3	3
Birtsas, Tim, Cin.*	1	3	4.20	36	4	0	8	0	0	64.1	61	277	34	30	6	3	3	3	24	5	38	0	3
Booker, Greg, S.D	2	2	3.39	34	2	0	11	0	0	63.2	68	272	31	24	5	3	4	1	19	2	43	2	0
Browning, Tom, Cin.*	18	5	3.41	36	36	5	0	2	0	250.2	205	1001	98	95	36	6	8	7	64	3	124	2	4
Burke, Tim, Mtl.	3	5	3.40	61	0	0	39	0	18	82.0	84	350	36	31	7	8	5	3	25	13	42	3	1
Carman, Don, Phil.*	10	14	4.29	36	32	2	0	0	0	201.1	211	873	101	96	20	9	8	4	70	6	116	8	3
Carpenter, Cris, St.L.	2	3	4.72	8	8	1	0	0	0	47.2	56	203	27	25	3	1	4	1	9	2	24	1	0
Charlton, Norm, Cin.*	4	5	3.96	10	10	0	0	0	0	61.6	60	259	27	27	6	1	2	2	20	2	39	3	2
Coffman, Kevin, Atl.	2	6	5.78	18	11	0	2	0	0	67.0	62	311	52	43	3	3	3	4	54	2	24	11	1
Cone, David, N.Y.	20	3	2.22	35	28	8	0	4	0	231.1	178	936	67	57	10	11	5	4	80	7	213	10	10
Costello, John, St.L.	5	2	1.81	36	0	0	15	0	1	49.2	44	214	15	10	3	1	1	0	25	4	38	0	1
Cox, Danny, St.L.	3	8	3.98	13	13	0	0	0	0	86.0	89	361	40	38	6	5	3	1	25	7	47	4	3
Crews, Tim, L.A.	4	0	3.14	42	0	0	12	0	0	71.2	77	301	29	25	3	3	5	0	16	7	45	1	0
Darling, Ron, N.Y.	17	9	3.25	34	34	7	0	4	0	240.2	218	971	97	87	24	10	8	5	60	2	161	7	2
Darwin, Danny, Hou.	8	13	3.84	44	20	3	9	0	3	192.0	189	804	86	82	20	10	9	7	48	9	129	1	2
Davis, Mark, S.D.*	5	10	2.01	62	0	0	52	0	28	98.1	70	402	24	22	2	7	1	0	42	11	102	9	1
Dayley, Ken, St.L.*	2	7	2.77	54	0	0	21	0	5	55.1	48	226	20	17	2	4	1	1	19	7	38	2	0
DeLeon, Jose, St.L.	13	10	3.67	34	34	3	0	1	0	225.1	198	940	95	92	13	10	7	2	86	7	208	10	0
Deshaies, Jim, Hou.*	11	14	3.00	31	31	3	0	2	0	207.0	164	847	77	69	20	8	13	2	72	5	127	1	6
Dibble, Rob, Cin.	1	1	1.82	37	0	0	6	0	0	59.1	43	235	12	12	2	2	3	1	21	5	59	3	2
DiPino, Frank, Chi.*	2	3	4.98	63	0	0	23	0	6	90.1	102	398	54	50	6	2	6	0	32	7	69	6	1
Dopson, John, Mtl.	3	11	3.04	26	26	1	0	0	0	168.2	150	704	69	57	15	5	2	1	58	3	101	3	1
Downs, Kelly, S.F.	13	9	3.32	27	26	6	0	3	0	168.0	140	685	67	62	11	4	9	3	47	8	118	7	4
Drabek, Doug, Pitt.	15	7	3.08	33	32	3	0	1	0	219.1	194	880	83	75	21	7	5	6	50	4	127	4	1
Dunne, Mike, Pitt.	7	11	3.92	30	28	1	1	0	0	170.0	163	752	88	74	15	11	8	5	88	3	70	12	7

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Pitcher, Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GF	ShO	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.
Fernandez, Sid, N.Y.*	12	10	3.03	31	31	1	0	1	0	187.0	127	751	69	63	15	2	7	6	70	1	189	4	9
Fisher, Brian, Pitt.	8	10	4.61	33	22	1	3	1	1	146.1	157	645	78	75	13	10	6	5	57	4	66	0	4
Forsch, Bob, St.L.-Hou.	10	8	4.29	36	18	1	3	1	0	136.1	153	596	73	65	10	12	9	3	44	9	54	3	3
Franco, John, Cin.*	6	6	1.57	70	0	0	61	0	39	86.0	60	336	18	15	3	5	1	0	27	3	46	1	2
Freeman, Marvin, Phil.	2	3	6.10	11	11	0	0	0	0	51.2	55	249	36	35	2	5	1	1	43	2	37	3	1
Garrelts, Scott, S.F.	5	9	3.58	65	0	0	40	0	13	98.0	80	413	42	39	3	9	2	2	46	10	86	6	4
Glavine, Tom, Atl.*	7	17	4.56	34	34	1	0	0	0	195.1	201	844	111	99	12	17	11	8	63	7	84	2	2
Gooden, Dwight, N.Y.	18	9	3.19	34	34	10	0	3	0	248.1	242	1024	98	88	8	10	6	6	57	4	175	5	5
Gott, Jim, Pitt.	6	6	3.49	67	0	0	59	0	34	77.1	68	314	30	30	9	7	3	2	22	5	76	1	6
Grant, Mark, S.D.	2	8	3.69	33	11	0	9	0	0	97.2	97	410	41	40	14	6	4	2	36	6	61	5	0
Gross, Kevin, Phil.	12	14	3.69	33	33	5	0	1	0	231.2	209	989	101	95	18	9	4	11	89	5	162	5	7
Hammaker, Atlee, S.F.*	9	9	3.73	43	17	3	11	1	5	144.2	136	607	68	60	11	10	4	3	41	9	65	1	2
Harris, Greg, Phil.	4	6	2.36	66	1	0	19	0	1	107.0	80	446	34	28	7	6	2	4	52	14	71	8	2
Hawkins, Andy, S.D.	14	11	3.35	33	33	4	0	2	0	217.2	196	906	88	81	16	14	6	6	76	4	91	1	3
Heaton, Neal, Mtl.*	3	10	4.99	32	11	0	7	0	2	97.1	98	415	54	54	14	5	3	3	43	5	43	1	5
Hershiser, Orel, L.A.	23	8	2.26	35	34	15	1	8	1	267.0	208	1068	73	67	18	9	6	4	73	10	178	6	5
Hesketh, Joe, Mtl.*	4	3	2.85	60	0	0	23	0	9	72.2	63	304	30	23	1	5	4	0	35	9	64	5	1
Hillegas, Shawn, L.A.	3	4	4.13	11	10	0	0	0	0	56.2	54	239	26	26	5	1	2	3	17	1	30	3	0
Holman, Brian, Mtl.	4	8	3.23	18	16	1	1	1	0	100.1	101	422	39	36	3	4	1	0	34	2	58	2	0
Holton, Brian, L.A.	7	3	1.70	45	0	0	11	0	1	84.2	69	339	19	16	1	7	3	1	26	7	49	1	6
Howell, Jay, L.A.	5	3	2.08	50	0	0	38	0	21	65.0	44	262	16	15	1	3	3	1	21	2	70	2	2
Jackson, Danny, Cin.*	23	8	2.73	35	35	15	0	6	0	260.2	206	1034	86	79	13	13	5	2	71	6	161	5	2
Jimenez, German, Atl.*	1	6	5.01	15	9	0	2	0	0	55.2	65	241	39	31	4	2	5	1	12	0	26	3	3
Jones, Barry, Pitt.	1	1	3.04	42	0	0	15	0	2	56.1	57	241	21	19	3	5	4	1	21	6	31	7	1
Jones, Jimmy, S.D.	9	14	4.12	29	29	3	0	0	0	179.0	192	760	98	82	14	11	9	3	44	3	82	4	1
Kipper, Bob, Pitt.*	2	6	3.74	50	0	0	15	0	0	65.0	54	267	33	27	7	5	3	2	26	4	39	1	1
Knepper, Bob, Hou.*	14	5	3.14	27	27	3	0	2	0	175.0	156	726	70	61	13	10	5	2	67	2	103	6	2
Krukow, Mike, S.F.	7	4	3.54	20	20	1	0	0	0	124.2	111	517	51	49	13	9	2	5	31	3	75	5	1
LaCoss, Mike, S.F.	7	7	3.62	19	19	1	0	1	0	114.1	99	477	55	46	5	5	1	1	47	3	70	6	2
Lancaster, Les, Chi.	4	6	3.78	44	3	1	15	0	5	85.2	89	371	42	36	4	3	7	1	34	7	36	3	3
LaPoint, Dave, Pitt.*	4	2	2.77	8	8	1	0	0	0	52.0	54	215	18	16	4	5	1	0	10	2	19	0	2
Leach, Terry, N.Y.	7	2	2.54	52	0	0	21	0	3	92.0	95	392	32	26	5	8	3	3	24	4	51	0	2
Leary, Tim, L.A.	17	11	2.91	35	34	9	0	6	0	228.2	201	932	87	74	13	7	3	6	56	4	180	9	6
Lefferts, Craig, S.F.*	3	8	2.92	64	0	0	30	0	11	92.1	74	362	33	30	7	6	3	1	23	5	58	4	0
Leiper, Dave, S.D.*	3	0	2.17	35	0	0	10	0	1	54.0	45	217	19	13	1	3	5	0	14	5	33	2	0
Maddux, Greg, Chi.	18	8	3.18	34	34	9	0	3	0	249.0	230	1047	97	88	13	11	2	9	81	16	140	3	6
Maddux, Mike, Phil.	4	3	3.76	25	11	0	4	0	0	88.2	91	380	41	37	6	7	3	5	34	4	59	4	2
Magrane, Joe, St.L.*	5	9	2.18	24	24	4	0	3	0	165.1	133	677	57	40	6	8	4	2	51	4	100	8	8
Mahler, Rick, Atl.	9	16	3.69	39	34	5	2	0	0	249.0	279	1063	125	102	17	19	5	8	42	6	131	5	8
Martinez, Dennis, Mtl.	15	13	2.72	34	34	9	0	2	0	235.1	215	968	94	71	21	2	6	6	55	3	120	5	10
Mathews, Greg, St.L.*	4	6	4.24	13	13	1	0	0	0	68.0	61	286	34	32	4	1	3	2	33	5	31	4	4
McCullers, Lance, S.D.	3	6	2.49	60	0	0	39	0	10	97.2	70	407	29	27	8	7	3	0	55	12	81	4	2
McDowell, Roger, N.Y.	5	5	2.63	62	0	0	41	0	16	89.0	80	378	31	26	1	3	5	3	31	7	46	6	1
McGaffigan, Andy, Mtl.	6	0	2.76	63	0	0	24	0	4	91.1	81	392	31	28	4	4	2	2	37	7	71	2	2
McWilliams, Larry, St.L.*	6	9	3.90	42	17	2	12	1	1	136.0	130	581	64	59	10	17	2	4	45	7	70	9	3
Moyer, Jamie, Chi.*	9	15	3.48	34	30	3	1	1	0	202.0	212	855	84	78	20	14	4	4	55	7	121	4	0
Mulholland, Terry, S.F.*	2	1	3.72	9	6	2	1	1	0	46.0	50	191	20	19	3	5	0	1	7	0	18	1	0
Murphy, Rob, Cin.*	0	6	3.08	76	0	0	28	0	3	84.2	69	350	31	29	3	9	1	1	38	6	74	5	1
Myers, Randy, N.Y.*	7	3	1.72	55	0	0	44	0	26	68.0	45	261	15	13	5	3	2	2	17	2	69	2	0
Nipper, Al, Chi.	2	4	3.04	22	12	0	3	0	1	80.0	72	341	37	27	9	1	1	3	34	2	27	1	1
Ojeda, Bob, N.Y.*	10	13	2.88	29	29	5	0	5	0	190.1	158	752	74	61	6	6	6	4	33	2	133	4	7
O'Neal, Randy, St.L.	2	3	4.58	10	8	0	0	0	0	53.0	57	222	29	27	7	2	0	2	10	1	20	4	0
Orosco, Jesse, L.A.*	3	2	2.72	55	0	0	21	0	9	53.0	41	229	18	16	4	3	3	2	30	3	43	1	0
Palmer, David, Phil.	7	9	4.47	22	22	1	0	1	0	129.0	129	551	67	64	8	4	5	0	48	5	85	2	0
Parrett, Jeff, Mtl.	12	4	2.65	61	0	0	34	0	6	91.2	66	369	29	27	8	9	6	1	45	9	62	4	1
Pena, Alejandro, L.A.	6	7	1.91	60	0	0	31	0	12	94.1	75	378	29	20	4	3	3	1	27	6	83	3	2
Perez, Pascual, Mtl.	12	8	2.44	27	27	4	0	2	0	188.0	133	741	59	51	15	10	3	7	44	6	131	5	10
Perry, Pat, Cin.-Chi.*	4	4	4.14	47	0	0	18	0	1	58.2	61	251	32	27	9	1	5	1	16	4	35	3	1
Peters, Steve, St.L.*	3	3	6.40	44	0	0	9	0	0	45.0	57	213	34	32	8	6	3	0	22	7	30	4	1
Pico, Jeff, Chi.	6	7	4.15	29	13	3	9	2	1	112.2	108	472	57	52	6	3	4	0	37	6	57	6	1
Price, Joe, S.F.*	1	6	3.94	38	3	0	14	0	4	61.2	59	269	33	27	5	4	0	1	27	6	49	1	3
Puleo, Charlie, Atl.	5	5	3.47	53	3	0	17	0	1	106.1	101	462	46	41	9	5	4	3	47	7	70	0	3
Rasmussen, Dennis, Cin.-S.D.*	16	10	3.43	31	31	7	0	1	0	204.2	199	854	84	78	17	10	4	4	58	4	112	7	5
Rawley, Shane, Phil.*	8	16	4.18	32	32	4	0	1	0	198.0	220	873	111	92	27	13	10	4	78	7	87	2	0
Reuschel, Rick, S.F.	19	11	3.12	36	36	7	0	2	0	245.0	242	1000	88	85	11	9	14	6	42	8	92	4	0
Rijo, Jose, Cin.	13	8	2.39	49	19	0	12	0	0	162.0	120	653	47	43	7	8	5	3	63	7	160	1	4
Robinson, Don, S.F.	10	5	2.45	51	19	3	19	2	6	176.2	152	725	63	48	11	7	8	3	49	12	122	4	2
Robinson, Jeff, Pitt.	11	5	3.03	75	0	0	35	0	9	124.2	113	513	44	42	6	2	6	3	39	5	87	11	0
Robinson, Ron, Cin.	3	7	4.12	17	16	0	0	0	0	78.2	88	347	47	36	5	5	5	2	26	4	38	3	0
Ruffin, Bruce, Phil.*	6	10	4.43	55	15	3	14	0	3	144.1	151	646	86	71	7	10	3	3	80	6	82	12	0
Ryan, Nolan, Hou.	12																						

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Pitcher, Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GF	ShO	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.
Sutter, Bruce, Atl.	1	4	4.76	38	0	0	26	0	14	45.1	49	193	26	24	4	3	0	1	11	3	40	0	0
Sutton, Don, L.A.	3	6	3.92	16	16	0	0	0	0	87.1	91	380	44	38	7	7	5	1	30	6	44	2	4
Tekulve, Kent, Phil.	3	7	3.60	70	0	0	35	0	4	80.0	87	347	34	32	3	6	2	2	22	11	43	0	0
Terry, Scott, St.L.	9	6	2.92	51	11	1	14	0	3	129.1	119	524	48	42	5	6	3	0	34	6	65	1	2
Tudor, John, St.L.-L.A.*	10	8	2.32	30	30	5	0	1	0	197.2	189	794	60	51	10	12	5	1	41	7	87	0	3
Valenzuela, Fernando, L.A.*	5	8	4.24	23	22	3	1	0	1	142.1	142	626	71	67	11	15	5	0	76	4	64	7	1
Walk, Bob, Pitt.	12	10	2.71	32	32	1	0	1	0	212.2	183	881	75	64	6	14	5	2	65	5	81	13	9
Whitson, Ed, S.D.	13	11	3.77	34	33	3	0	1	0	205.1	202	846	93	86	17	13	8	1	45	1	118	2	2
Williams, Frank, Cin.	3	2	2.59	60	0	0	8	0	1	62.2	59	276	24	18	6	5	0	2	35	4	43	4	1
Worrell, Todd, St.L.	5	9	3.00	68	0	0	54	0	32	90.0	69	366	32	30	7	3	5	1	34	14	78	6	2
Youmans, Floyd, Mtl.	3	6	3.21	14	13	1	1	1	0	84.0	64	351	35	30	8	3	4	2	41	1	54	4	1

CLUB FIELDING

Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB	Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB
St. Louis	.981	162	4412	1902	121	6435	131	1	9	San Francisco	.980	162	4387	1796	129	6312	145	0	19
New York	.981	160	4317	1630	115	6062	127	0	15	Houston	.978	162	4424	1718	138	6280	124	0	8
San Diego	.981	161	4347	1767	120	6234	147	0	11	Montreal	.978	163	4448	1816	142	6406	145	0	13
Chicago	.980	163	4393	1822	125	6340	128	0	15	Los Angeles	.977	162	4390	1746	142	6278	126	0	7
Cincinnati	.980	161	4365	1802	125	6292	131	0	13	Philadelphia	.976	162	4299	1654	145	6096	139	0	18
Pittsburgh	.980	160	4322	1804	125	6251	126	0	8	Atlanta	.976	160	4338	1789	151	6278	138	0	12

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

* Throws left-handed

50 or more games

FIRST BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Davis, G., Hou.	.996	151	1355	103	6	1464	104
Player, Club							
Bream, S., Pitt.*	.995	138	1118	140	6	1264	88
Clark, W., S.F.*	.993	158	1492	104	12	1608	126
Davis, G., Hou.	.996	151	1355	103	6	1464	104
Esasky, N., Cin.	.994	116	982	52	6	1040	70
Galarraga, A., Mtl.	.991	156	1464	103	15	1582	124
Grace, M., Chi.*	.987	133	1182	87	17	1286	91
Guerrero, P., L.A.-St.L.	.998	52	434	35	1	470	24
Hayes, V., Phi.	.990	85	712	55	8	775	66
Hernandez, K., N.Y.*	.998	93	734	77	2	813	63
Horner, B., St.L.	.990	57	463	40	5	508	39
Jordan, R., Phi.	.992	69	579	35	5	619	41
Kruk, J., S.D.*	.995	63	535	33	3	571	45
Magadan, D., N.Y.	.988	71	441	38	6	485	36
Marshall, M., L.A.	.996	53	468	45	2	515	31
Moreland, K., S.D.	.994	73	637	52	4	693	55
Perry, G., Atl.	.988	141	1282	106	17	1405	102
Stubbs, F., L.A.*	.978	84	521	57	13	591	41

SECOND BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Doran, B., Hou.	.987	130	260	371	8	639	73
Player, Club							
Alicea, L., St.L.	.970	91	206	240	14	460	52
Alomar, R., S.D.	.980	143	319	459	16	794	88
Backman, W., N.Y.	.989	92	128	219	4	351	36
Doran, B., Hou.	.987	130	260	371	8	639	73
Foley, T., Mtl.	.972	89	164	255	12	431	46
Gant, R., Atl.	.963	122	295	378	26	699	82
Lind, J., Pitt.	.987	153	333	473	11	817	73
Oquendo, J., St.L.	.997	69	149	184	1	334	41
Samuel, J., Phi.	.978	152	343	385	16	744	92
Sandberg, R., Chi.	.987	153	291	522	11	824	79
Sax, S., L.A.	.981	158	276	429	14	719	69
Teufel, T., N.Y.	.981	84	153	212	7	372	48
Thompson, R., S.F.	.978	134	255	365	14	634	88
Treadway, J., Cin.	.984	97	188	252	7	447	49

THIRD BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Sabo, C., Cin.	.966	135	75	318	14	407	31
Player, Club							
Bell, B., Cin.-Hou.	.931	79	37	138	13	188	10
Bonilla, B., Pitt.	.935	159	121	336	32	489	17
Brown, C., S.D.	.949	72	54	131	10	195	15
Flannery, T., S.D.	.972	51	27	76	3	106	8
Hamilton, J., L.A.	.941	105	67	157	14	238	8

Player, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Johnson, H., N.Y.	.951	131	65	187	13	265	16
Law, V., Chi.	.953	150	111	272	19	402	22
Mitchell, K., S.F.	.943	102	61	203	16	280	18
Oberkfell, K., Atl.-Pitt.	.952	115	84	212	15	311	21
Pendleton, T., St.L.	.963	101	75	239	12	326	13
Ready, R., S.D.	.952	57	42	98	7	147	12
Sabo, C., Cin.	.966	135	75	318	14	407	31
Schmidt, M., Phi.	.939	104	73	222	19	314	17
Wallach, T., Mtl.	.962	153	123	328	18	469	31
Walling, D., Hou.-St.L.	.941	56	33	110	9	152	16

SHORTSTOPS

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Belliard, R., Pitt.	.977	117	131	258	9	398	50
Player, Club							
Anderson, D., L.A.	.986	82	128	225	5	358	49
Belliard, R., Pitt.	.977	117	131	258	9	398	50
Dunston, S., Chi.	.973	151	257	455	20	732	76
Elster, K., N.Y.	.977	148	196	345	13	554	61
Griffin, A., L.A.	.965	93	145	264	15	424	44
Jeltz, S., Phi.	.976	148	195	368	14	577	73
Johnson, H., N.Y.	.964	52	45	87	5	137	21
Larkin, B., Cin.	.960	148	231	470	29	730	67
Ramirez, R., Hou.	.965	154	232	408	23	663	68
Rivera, L., Mtl.	.962	116	160	301	18	479	69
Smith, O., St.L.	.972	150	234	519	22	775	79
Templeton, G., S.D.	.968	105	168	316	16	500	62
Thomas, A., Atl.	.959	150	230	456	29	715	90
Thon, D., S.D.	.954	70	82	168	12	262	28
Uribe, J., S.F.	.970	140	212	404	19	635	77

OUTFIELDERS

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Brunansky, T., St.L.	.996	143	267	10	1	278	0
Player, Club							
Aldrete, M., S.F.*	.982	115	211	5	4	220	1
Bass, K., Hou.	.979	147	267	7	6	280	2
Blocker, T., Atl.*	.994	61	164	1	1	166	0
Bonds, B., Pitt.*	.980	136	292	5	6	303	0
Bradley, P., Phi.	.990	153	298	14	3	315	2
Brooks, H., Mtl.	.968	149	261	8	9	278	1
Brunansky, T., St.L.	.996	143	267	10	1	278	0
Butler, B., S.F.*	.988	155	395	3	5	403	1
Coleman, V., St.L.	.971	150	290	14	9	313	1
Coles, D., Pitt.	.990	55	98	0	1	99	0
Daniels, K., Cin.	.982	137	256	10	5	271	2
Davis, E., Cin.	.981	130	300	2	6	308	0
Davis, M., L.A.*	.961	76	121	3	5	129	2
Dawson, A., Chi.	.989	147	267	7	3	277	1

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Player, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Dernier, B., Phi.	.980	54	98	2	2	102	0
Dykstra, L., N.Y.*	.996	112	270	3	1	274	0
Gibson, K., L.A.*	.964	148	311	6	12	329	3
Gwynn, T., S.D.*	.982	133	264	8	5	277	1
Hall, A., Atl.	.973	63	137	7	4	148	1
Hatcher, B., Hou.	.983	142	280	7	5	292	2
Jackson, D., Chi.	.983	74	116	1	2	119	0
James, C., Phi.	.989	116	256	7	3	266	3
James, D., Atl.*	.987	120	222	5	3	230	0
Jones, T., Cin.-Mtl.	.980	68	96	2	2	100	0
Kruk, J., S.D.*	1.000	55	99	4	0	103	0
Mack, S., S.D.	.983	55	110	4	2	116	1
Maldonado, C., S.F.	.962	139	251	5	10	266	1
Marshall, M., L.A.	.966	90	137	4	5	146	0
Martinez, C., S.D.	.993	64	143	6	1	150	2
Martinez, D., Chi.-Mtl.*	.979	132	281	4	6	291	1
McGee, W., St.L.	.975	135	348	9	9	366	0
McReynolds, K., N.Y.	.985	147	252	18	4	274	5
Moreland, K., S.D.	.982	64	107	2	2	111	0
Murphy, D., Atl.	.992	156	340	15	3	358	4
Nixon, O., Mtl.	.994	82	176	2	1	179	1
O'Neill, P., Cin.*	.984	118	237	5	4	246	0
Palmeiro, R., Chi.*	.983	147	292	6	5	303	1
Puhl, T., Hou.	.983	78	116	2	2	120	0
Raines, T., Mtl.	.988	108	235	5	3	243	1
Reynolds, R., Pitt.	.974	95	142	7	4	153	2
Shelby, J., L.A.	.982	140	329	7	6	342	1
Strawberry, D., N.Y.*	.971	150	297	4	9	310	3
Thompson, M., Phi.	.983	112	278	5	5	288	1
Van Slyke, A., Pitt.	.991	152	406	12	4	422	2
Webster, M., Mtl.-Chi.*	.982	136	322	3	6	331	0
Wilson, M., N.Y.	.976	104	200	4	5	209	1
Winningham, H., Mtl.-Cin.	.992	72	128	1	1	130	0
Wynne, M., S.D.*	.987	113	216	5	3	224	2
Young, G., Hou.	.992	145	357	10	3	370	1

CATCHERS

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Pena, T., St.L.	.994	142	777	70	5	852	8	8
Player, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Ashby, A., Hou.	.991	66	414	23	4	441	4	1
Benedict, B., Atl.	.989	89	384	54	5	443	3	4
Berryhill, D., Chi.	.982	90	448	54	9	511	5	6
Biggio, C., Hou.	.991	50	292	28	3	323	0	3
Brenly, B., S.F.	.984	69	334	27	6	367	2	10
Carter, G., N.Y.	.990	119	797	54	9	860	5	9
Davis, J., Chi.-Atl.	.995	76	396	34	2	432	1	7
Dempsey, R., L.A.	.989	74	333	29	4	366	4	2
Diaz, B., Cin.	.990	88	468	44	5	517	9	8
LaValliere, M., Pitt.	.987	114	565	55	8	628	6	4
Melvin, B., S.F.	.984	89	403	31	7	441	4	5
Parrish, L., Phi.	.988	117	639	73	9	721	11	12
Pena, T., St.L.	.994	142	777	70	5	852	8	8
Reed, J., Mtl.-Cin.	.994	88	468	38	3	509	3	6
Santiago, B., S.D.	.985	136	725	75	12	812	11	9
Santovenia, N., Mtl.	.983	86	457	63	9	529	7	9
Scioscia, M., L.A.	.991	123	748	63	7	818	10	5
Trevino, A., Hou.	.977	74	360	24	9	393	5	3
Virgil, O., Atl.	.990	96	448	45	5	498	3	8

PITCHERS

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Perez, P., Mtl.	1.000	27	13	38	0	51	2
Player, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Agosto, J., Hou.*	.958	75	12	34	2	48	0
Alvarez, J., Atl.	1.000	60	11	17	0	28	4
Andersen, L., Hou.	.900	53	9	9	2	20	1
Andujar, J., Hou.	.909	23	5	15	2	22	0
Armstrong, J., Cin.	1.000	14	3	13	0	16	0
Assenmacher, P., Atl.*	1.000	64	6	11	0	17	2
Belcher, T., L.A.	1.000	36	14	19	0	33	2
Booker, G., S.D.	1.000	34	6	12	0	18	0
Browning, T., Cin.*	.927	36	8	30	3	41	3
Burke, T., Mtl.	1.000	61	8	14	0	22	0
Carman, D., Phi.*	1.000	36	9	19	0	28	0
Coffman, K., Atl.	.913	18	9	12	2	23	1
Cone, D., N.Y.	.976	35	17	23	1	41	0
Cox, D., St.L.	1.000	13	10	12	0	22	2
Darling, R., N.Y.	.945	34	17	35	3	55	4
Player, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Darwin, D., Hou.	.981	44	14	37	1	52	2
Davis, M., S.D.*	.962	62	4	21	1	26	2
DeLeon, J., St.L.	1.000	34	10	21	0	31	0
Deshaies, J., Hou.*	.941	31	7	25	2	34	1
DiPino, F., Chi.*	1.000	63	3	12	0	15	0
Dopson, J., Mtl.	.926	26	10	15	2	27	1
Downs, K., S.F.	.974	27	15	22	1	38	2
Drabek, D., Pitt.	.893	33	29	21	6	56	6
Dunne, M., Pitt.	.978	30	18	27	1	46	0
Fernandez, S., N.Y.*	1.000	31	2	13	0	15	0
Fisher, B., Pitt.	.885	33	6	17	3	26	2
Forsch, B., St.L.-Hou.	.875	36	8	13	3	24	1
Franco, J., Cin.*	.955	70	3	18	1	22	1
Garrelts, S., S.F.	.895	65	5	12	2	19	0
Glavine, T., Atl.*	.930	34	12	41	4	57	3
Gooden, D., N.Y.	.943	34	27	56	5	88	3
Grant, M., S.D.	1.000	33	4	16	0	20	1
Gross, K., Phi.	.959	33	13	34	2	49	2
Hammaker, A., S.F.*	1.000	43	7	33	0	40	3
Harris, G., Phi.	.880	66	5	17	3	25	0
Hawkins, A., S.D.	.949	33	14	23	2	39	4
Heaton, N., Mtl.*	.952	32	6	14	1	21	2
Hershiser, O., L.A.	.939	35	32	60	6	98	6
Hesketh, J., Mtl.*	1.000	60	6	14	0	20	2
Holman, B., Mtl.	.938	18	4	11	1	16	0
Holton, B., L.A.	1.000	45	8	11	0	19	0
Jackson, D., Cin.*	.954	35	10	52	3	65	2
Jones, B., Pitt.	.867	42	5	8	2	15	2
Jones, J., S.D.	1.000	29	17	32	0	49	3
Kipper, B., Pitt.*	1.000	50	4	16	0	20	1
Knepper, B., Hou.*	.957	27	6	39	2	47	3
Krukow, M., S.F.	1.000	20	8	18	0	26	0
LaCoss, M., S.F.	1.000	19	10	32	0	42	1
Lancaster, L., Chi.	1.000	44	6	17	0	23	0
Leach, T., N.Y.	1.000	52	10	22	0	32	0
Leary, T., L.A.	.983	35	24	34	1	59	4
Maddux, G., Chi.	.961	34	28	45	3	76	3
Maddux, M., Phi.	.867	25	8	18	4	30	1
Magrane, J., St.L.*	.914	24	16	37	5	58	0
Mahler, R., Atl.	.956	39	22	43	3	68	4
Martinez, D., Mtl.	.906	34	19	39	6	64	3
Mathews, G., St.L.*	.889	13	3	13	2	18	0
McCullers, L., S.D.	.909	60	6	14	2	22	1
McDowell, R., N.Y.	.968	62	11	19	1	31	2
McGaffigan, A., Mtl.	.938	63	7	8	1	16	0
McWilliams, L., St.L.*	.935	42	5	24	2	31	0
Moyer, J., Chi.*	.982	34	11	45	1	57	3
Murphy, R., Cin.*	1.000	76	4	14	0	18	2
Ojeda, B., N.Y.*	.961	29	13	36	2	51	5
O'Neal, R., St.L.	1.000	10	3	14	0	17	1
Palmer, D., Phi.	.963	22	14	12	1	27	2
Parrett, J., Mtl.	.941	61	7	9	1	17	0
Pena, A., L.A.	.905	60	9	10	2	21	1
Perez, P., Mtl.	1.000	27	13	38	0	51	2
Pico, J., Chi.	.958	29	5	18	1	24	3
Puleo, C., Atl.	.955	53	5	16	1	22	0
Rasmussen, D., Cin.-S.D.*	1.000	31	3	45	0	48	1
Rawley, S., Phi.*	.955	32	9	33	2	44	2
Reuschel, R., S.F.	1.000	36	12	32	0	44	2
Rijo, J., Cin.	.968	49	7	23	1	31	1
Robinson, D., S.F.	.912	51	12	19	3	34	1
Robinson, J., Pitt.	1.000	75	13	17	0	30	0
Robinson, R., Cin.	.875	17	10	11	3	24	0
Ruffin, B., Phi.*	.947	55	11	25	2	38	2
Ryan, N., Hou.	.867	33	8	18	4	30	0
Schiraldi, C., Chi.	.862	29	13	12	4	29	0
Scott, M., Hou.	1.000	32	14	27	0	41	0
Show, E., S.D.	.963	32	5	21	1	27	0
Smiley, J., Pitt.*	1.000	34	14	27	0	41	3
Smith, B., Mtl.	.943	32	7	26	2	35	1
Smith, P., Atl.	.912	32	12	19	3	34	0
Smith, Z., Atl.*	.980	23	16	33	1	50	6
Soto, M., Cin.	.850	14	5	12	3	20	1
Sutcliffe, R., Chi.	.951	32	21	37	3	61	2
Sutton, D., L.A.	.944	16	5	12	1	18	0
Tekulve, K., Phi.	1.000	70	7	14	0	21	1
Terry, S., St.L.	1.000	51	7	22	0	29	1
Tudor, J., St.L.-L.A.*	1.000	30	7	39	0	46	4
Valenzuela, F., L.A.*	.978	23	6	38	1	45	2
Walk, B., Pitt.	.950	32	23	34	3	60	3
Whitson, E., S.D.	.909	34	10	30	4	44	2
Williams, F., Cin.	.789	60	2	13	4	19	1
Youmans, F., Mtl.	.944	14	7	10	1	18	0

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Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	OR	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SH	SF	SB	CS	Sig. Pct.	OB Pct.	ShO	LOB
Boston	.283	162	5545	813	689	1569	310	39	124	760	2329	66	55	65	36	.420	.357	13	1269
Minnesota	.274	162	5510	759	672	1508	294	31	151	710	2317	37	50	107	63	.421	.340	9	1158
Toronto	.268	162	5557	763	680	1491	271	47	158	706	2330	34	50	107	36	.419	.332	3	1105
Oakland	.263	162	5602	800	620	1474	251	22	156	752	2237	54	55	129	54	.399	.336	11	1158
New York	.263	161	5592	772	748	1469	272	12	148	713	2209	36	51	146	39	.395	.333	6	1170
California	.261	162	5582	714	771	1458	258	31	124	660	2150	63	52	86	52	.385	.321	7	1119
Cleveland	.261	162	5505	666	731	1435	235	28	134	629	2128	36	51	97	50	.387	.314	10	1069
Kansas City	.259	161	5469	704	648	1419	275	40	121	671	2137	46	51	137	54	.391	.321	12	1104
Seattle	.257	161	5436	664	744	1397	271	27	148	617	2166	40	42	95	61	.398	.317	14	1044
Milwaukee	.257	162	5488	682	616	1409	258	26	113	632	2058	59	41	159	55	.375	.314	14	1058
Texas	.252	161	5479	637	735	1378	227	39	112	589	2019	48	53	130	57	.368	.320	9	1174
Detroit	.250	162	5433	703	658	1358	213	28	143	650	2056	66	37	87	42	.378	.324	10	1124
Chicago	.244	161	5449	631	757	1327	224	35	132	573	2017	67	43	98	46	.370	.303	7	1058
Baltimore	.238	161	5358	550	789	1275	199	20	137	517	1925	40	45	69	44	.359	.305	14	1092

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* Bats left-handed # Switch-hitter

50 or more games

Player, Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	GW	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI DP	Sig. Pct.	OB Pct.
Aguayo, Luis, N.Y.	.250	50	140	12	35	48	4	0	3	8	1	0	1	1	7	1	33	0	2	4	.343	.289
Allanson, Andy, Clev.	.263	133	434	44	114	140	11	0	5	50	8	8	4	3	25	2	63	5	9	6	.323	.305
Anderson, Brady, Bos.-Balt.*	.212	94	325	31	69	93	13	4	1	21	2	11	1	4	23	0	75	10	6	3	.286	.272
Armas, Tony, Cal.	.272	120	368	42	100	163	20	2	13	49	5	1	2	0	22	0	87	1	3	13	.443	.311
Baines, Harold, Chi.*	.277	158	599	55	166	246	39	1	13	81	7	0	7	1	67	14	109	0	0	21	.411	.347
Balboni, Steve, K.C.-Sea.	.235	118	413	46	97	185	17	1	23	66	8	0	2	1	24	2	87	0	1	8	.448	.277
Barfield, Jesse, Tor.	.244	137	468	62	114	199	21	5	18	56	9	4	6	1	41	6	108	7	3	10	.425	.302
Barrett, Marty, Bos.	.283	150	612	83	173	206	28	1	1	65	4	20	8	7	40	1	35	7	3	16	.337	.330
Baylor, Don, Oak.	.220	92	264	28	58	86	7	0	7	34	3	0	3	12	34	2	44	0	1	7	.326	.332
Bell, George, Tor.	.269	156	614	78	165	274	27	5	24	97	17	0	8	1	34	5	66	4	2	21	.446	.304
Bell, Jay, Clev.	.218	73	211	23	46	59	5	1	2	21	1	1	2	1	21	0	53	4	2	3	.280	.289
Benzing, Todd, Bos.#	.254	120	405	47	103	172	28	1	13	70	7	6	2	1	22	4	80	2	3	8	.425	.293
Bergman, Dave, Det.*	.294	116	289	37	85	114	14	0	5	35	6	2	4	0	38	2	34	0	2	7	.394	.372
Boggs, Wade, Bos.*	.366	155	584	128	214	286	45	6	5	58	2	0	7	3	125	18	34	2	3	23	.490	.476
Boone, Bob, Cal.	.295	122	352	38	104	136	17	0	5	39	2	9	0	2	29	2	26	2	2	9	.386	.352
Borders, Pat, Tor.	.273	56	154	15	42	69	6	3	5	21	1	2	1	0	3	0	24	0	0	5	.448	.285
Bosley, Thad, K.C.-Cal.*	.260	50	96	10	25	30	5	0	0	9	1	1	4	0	8	1	18	1	1	2	.313	.306
Boston, Daryl, Chi.*	.217	105	281	37	61	122	12	2	15	31	0	2	1	0	21	5	44	9	3	5	.434	.271
Bradley, Scott, Sea.*	.257	103	335	45	86	117	17	1	4	33	5	3	2	2	17	1	16	1	1	11	.349	.295
Braggs, Glenn, Mil.	.261	72	272	30	71	115	14	0	10	42	6	1	2	5	14	0	60	6	4	6	.423	.307
Brantley, Mickey, Sea.	.263	149	577	76	152	230	25	4	15	56	8	5	4	2	26	0	64	18	7	12	.399	.296
Brett, George, K.C.*	.306	157	589	90	180	300	42	3	24	103	8	0	7	3	82	15	51	14	3	15	.509	.389
Brock, Greg, Mil.*	.212	115	364	53	77	113	16	1	6	50	5	3	4	3	63	16	48	6	2	11	.310	.329
Brookens, Tom, Det.	.243	136	441	62	107	155	23	5	5	38	4	6	4	3	44	2	74	4	4	9	.351	.313
Brower, Bob, Texas	.224	82	201	29	45	55	7	0	1	11	0	6	0	0	27	0	38	10	5	6	.274	.316
Browne, Jerry, Texas#	.229	73	214	26	49	65	9	2	1	17	1	3	1	0	25	0	32	7	5	5	.304	.308
Buckner, Bill, Cal.-K.C.*	.249	108	285	19	71	94	14	0	3	43	2	4	5	0	17	5	19	5	1	8	.330	.287
Buechele, Steve, Texas	.250	155	503	68	126	203	21	4	16	58	7	6	0	5	65	6	79	2	4	8	.404	.342
Buhrer, Jay, N.Y.-Sea.	.215	85	261	36	56	110	13	1	13	38	3	1	3	6	28	1	93	1	1	5	.421	.302
Burks, Ellis, Bos.	.294	144	540	93	159	260	37	5	18	92	9	4	6	3	62	1	89	25	9	8	.481	.367
Bush, Randy, Minn.*	.261	136	394	51	103	171	20	3	14	51	3	0	5	9	58	14	49	8	6	8	.434	.365
Calderon, Ivan, Chi.	.212	73	264	40	56	112	14	0	14	35	4	0	3	0	34	2	66	4	4	6	.424	.299
Campusano, Sil, Tor.	.218	73	142	14	31	51	10	2	2	12	1	2	1	4	9	0	33	0	0	0	.359	.282
Canseco, Jose, Oak.	.307	158	610	120	187	347	34	0	42	124	16	1	6	10	78	10	128	40	16	15	.569	.391
Carter, Joe, Clev.	.271	157	621	85	168	297	36	6	27	98	13	1	6	7	35	6	82	27	5	6	.478	.314
Castillo, Carmelo, Clev.	.273	66	176	12	48	68	8	0	4	14	2	0	0	1	5	1	31	6	2	4	.386	.297
Castillo, Juan, Mil.	.222	54	90	10	20	20	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	14	2	0	1	.222	.247
Cerone, Rick, Bos.	.269	84	264	31	71	95	13	1	3	27	1	1	1	3	20	0	32	0	0	6	.360	.326
Clark, Dave, Clev.*	.263	63	156	11	41	56	4	1	3	18	3	0	1	0	17	2	28	0	2	8	.359	.333
Clark, Jack, N.Y.	.242	150	496	81	120	215	14	0	27	93	16	0	5	2	113	6	141	3	2	14	.433	.381
Coles, Darrell, Sea.	.292	55	195	32	57	99	10	1	10	34	4	2	3	4	17	0	26	3	2	5	.508	.356
Cotto, Henry, Sea.	.259	133	386	50	100	144	18	1	8	33	4	4	3	2	23	0	53	27	3	8	.373	.302
Davidson, Mark, Minn.	.217	100	106	22	23	33	7	0	1	10	1	1	1	1	10	0	20	3	3	3	.311	.288
Davis, Alvin, Sea.*	.295	140	478	67	141	221	24	1	18	69	5	0	5	4	95	13	53	1	1	14	.462	.412
Davis, Chili, Cal.#	.268	158	600	81	161	259	29	3	21	93	9	1	10	0	56	14	118	9	10	13	.432	.326
Deer, Rob, Mil.	.252	135	492	71	124	217	24	0	23	85	12	0	5	7	51	4	153	9	5	4	.441	.328
Downing, Brian, Cal.	.242	135	484	80	117	214	18	2	25	64	12	5	6	14	81	5	63	3	4	12	.442	.362
Dwyer, Jim, Balt.-Minn.*	.255	55	94	9	24	31	1	0	2	18	4	0	2	1	25	4	19	0	0	1	.330	.410
Eisenreich, Jim, K.C.*	.218	82	202	26	44	57	8	1	1	19	2	2	4	0	6	1	31	9	3	2	.282	.236
Eppard, Jim, Cal.*	.283	56	113	7	32	37	3	1	0	14	0	2	0	0	11	0	15	0	0	4	.327	.347
Espy, Cecil, Texas#	.248	123	347	46	86	121	17	6	2	39	2	5	3	1	20	1	83	33	10	2	.348	.288
Evans, Darrell, Det.*	.208	144	437	48	91	166	9	0	22	64	7	0	0	1	84	4	89	1	4	14	.380	.337
Evans, Dwight, Bos.	.293	149	559	96	164	272	31	7	21	111	12	2	7	1	76	3	99	5	1	16	.487	.375
Felder, Mike, Mil.#	.173	50	81	14	14	15	1	0	0	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	11	8	2	1	.185	.183
Fernandez, Tony, Tor.#	.287	154	648	76	186	250	41	4	5	70	5	3	4	4	45	3	65	15	5	9	.386	.335
Fielder, Cecil, Tor.	.230	74	174	24	40	75	6	1	9	23	1	0	1	1	14	0	53	0	1	6	.431	.289

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Fisk, Carlton, Chi.	.277	76	253	37	70	137	8	1	19	50	5	1	2	5	37	9	40	0	0	6	.542	.377
Fletcher, Scott, Texas	.276	140	515	59	142	169	19	4	0	47	4	15	5	12	62	1	34	8	5	13	.328	.364
Franco, Julio, Clev.	.303	152	613	88	186	251	23	6	10	54	8	1	4	2	56	4	72	25	11	17	.409	.361
Francona, Terry, Clev.*	.311	62	212	24	66	77	8	0	1	12	2	2	2	0	5	1	18	0	0	4	.363	.324
Gaetti, Gary, Minn.	.301	133	468	66	141	258	29	2	28	88	13	1	6	5	36	5	85	7	4	10	.551	.353
Gagne, Greg, Minn.	.236	149	461	70	109	183	20	6	14	48	0	11	1	7	27	2	110	15	7	13	.397	.288
Gallagher, Dave, Chi.	.303	101	347	59	105	141	15	3	5	31	6	6	2	0	29	3	40	5	4	8	.406	.354
Gallego, Mike, Oak.	.209	129	277	38	58	72	8	0	2	20	5	8	0	1	34	0	53	2	3	6	.260	.298
Gantner, Jim, Mil.*	.276	155	539	67	149	181	28	2	0	47	12	18	2	3	34	1	50	20	8	9	.336	.322
Gedman, Rich, Bos.*	.231	95	299	33	69	110	14	0	9	39	0	9	0	3	18	2	49	0	0	6	.368	.279
Gerhart, Ken, Balt.	.195	103	262	27	51	90	10	1	9	23	3	2	4	2	21	0	57	7	3	3	.344	.256
Gladden, Dan, Minn.	.269	141	576	91	155	232	32	6	11	62	10	2	5	4	46	4	74	28	8	9	.403	.325
Gonzales, Rene, Balt.	.215	92	237	13	51	63	6	0	2	15	0	5	2	3	13	0	32	2	0	5	.266	.263
Greenwell, Mike, Bos.*	.325	158	590	86	192	313	39	8	22	119	23	0	7	9	87	18	38	16	8	11	.531	.416
Gruber, Kelly, Tor.	.278	158	569	75	158	249	33	5	16	81	8	5	4	7	38	1	92	23	5	20	.438	.328
Guillen, Ozzie, Chi.*	.261	156	566	58	148	178	16	7	0	39	2	10	3	2	25	3	40	25	13	14	.314	.294
Hall, Mel, Clev.*	.280	150	515	69	144	202	32	4	6	71	5	2	8	0	28	12	50	7	3	8	.392	.312
Harper, Brian, Minn.	.295	60	166	15	49	71	11	1	3	20	0	2	1	3	10	1	12	0	3	12	.428	.344
Hassey, Ron, Oak.*	.257	107	323	32	83	119	15	0	7	45	9	3	5	4	30	1	42	2	0	9	.368	.323
Heath, Mike, Det.	.247	86	219	24	54	80	7	2	5	18	1	3	0	1	18	0	32	1	0	6	.365	.307
Henderson, Dave, Oak.	.304	146	507	100	154	266	38	1	24	94	11	5	7	4	47	1	92	2	4	14	.525	.363
Henderson, Rickey, N.Y.	.305	140	554	118	169	221	30	2	6	50	7	2	6	3	82	1	54	93	13	6	.399	.394
Hendrick, George, Cal.	.244	69	127	12	31	41	1	0	3	19	0	1	3	1	7	1	20	0	1	2	.323	.283
Herndon, Larry, Det.	.224	76	174	16	39	56	5	0	4	20	2	0	3	1	23	0	37	0	1	8	.322	.313
Herr, Tommy, Minn.#	.263	86	304	42	80	99	16	0	1	21	4	1	0	0	40	1	47	10	3	9	.326	.349
Hill, Donnie, Chi.#	.217	83	221	17	48	62	6	1	2	20	3	3	3	0	26	1	32	3	1	3	.281	.296
Howell, Jack, Cal.*	.254	154	500	59	127	211	32	2	16	63	5	4	2	6	46	8	130	2	6	8	.422	.323
Hrbek, Kent, Minn.*	.312	143	510	75	159	265	31	0	25	76	12	2	7	0	67	7	54	0	3	9	.520	.387
Hubbard, Glenn, Oak.	.255	105	294	35	75	100	12	2	3	33	4	10	2	3	33	0	50	1	3	9	.340	.334
Incaviglia, Pete, Texas	.249	116	418	59	104	195	19	3	22	54	6	0	3	7	39	3	153	6	4	6	.467	.321
Jackson, Bo, K.C.	.246	124	439	63	108	207	16	4	25	68	7	1	2	1	25	6	146	27	6	6	.472	.287
Jacoby, Brook, Clev.	.241	152	552	59	133	185	25	0	9	49	5	0	5	1	48	2	101	2	3	12	.335	.300
Javier, Stan, Oak.#	.257	125	397	49	102	127	13	3	2	35	5	6	3	2	32	1	63	20	1	13	.320	.313
Jennings, Doug, Oak.*	.208	71	101	9	21	30	6	0	1	15	3	1	3	2	21	1	28	0	1	1	.297	.346
Joyner, Wally, Cal.*	.295	158	597	81	176	250	31	2	13	85	12	0	6	5	55	14	51	8	2	16	.419	.356
Kennedy, Terry, Balt.*	.226	85	265	20	60	79	10	0	3	16	0	2	2	1	15	0	53	0	0	13	.298	.269
Kingery, Mike, Sea.*	.203	57	123	21	25	34	6	0	1	9	0	1	1	1	19	1	23	3	1	1	.276	.313
Kittle, Ron, Clev.	.258	75	225	31	58	120	8	0	18	43	3	0	5	8	16	1	65	0	0	0	.533	.323
Knight, Ray, Det.	.217	105	299	34	65	90	12	2	3	33	4	2	3	3	20	0	30	1	1	12	.301	.271
Kunkel, Jeff, Texas	.227	55	154	14	35	55	8	3	2	15	3	1	1	1	4	1	35	0	1	5	.357	.250
Lansford, Carney, Oak.	.279	150	556	80	155	200	20	2	7	57	5	5	4	7	35	4	35	29	8	17	.360	.327
Larkin, Gene, Minn.#	.267	149	505	56	135	193	30	2	8	70	11	1	5	15	68	8	55	3	2	12	.382	.368
Laudner, Tim, Minn.	.251	117	375	38	94	153	18	1	13	54	6	3	3	1	36	0	89	0	0	14	.408	.316
Leach, Rick, Tor.*	.276	87	199	21	55	70	13	1	0	23	1	0	0	0	18	3	27	0	1	8	.352	.336
Lee, Manny, Tor.#	.291	116	381	38	111	139	16	3	2	38	4	4	4	0	26	1	64	3	3	13	.365	.333
Lemon, Chet, Det.	.264	144	512	67	135	223	29	4	17	64	10	1	3	7	59	6	65	1	2	18	.436	.346
Leonard, Jeffrey, Mil.	.235	94	374	45	88	131	19	0	8	44	7	1	4	3	16	1	68	10	4	10	.350	.270
Liriano, Nelson, Tor.#	.264	99	276	36	73	92	6	2	3	23	2	5	1	2	11	0	40	12	5	4	.333	.297
Lombardozzi, Steve, Minn.	.209	103	287	34	60	88	15	2	3	27	4	6	5	2	35	2	48	2	5	2	.307	.295
Lynn, Fred, Balt.-Det.*	.246	114	391	46	96	187	14	1	25	56	6	1	6	1	33	1	82	2	2	9	.478	.302
Lyons, Steve, Chi.*	.269	146	472	59	127	176	28	3	5	45	8	15	6	1	32	1	59	1	2	6	.373	.313
Macfarlane, Mike, K.C.	.265	70	211	25	56	83	15	0	4	26	4	1	2	1	21	2	37	0	0	5	.393	.332
Manrique, Fred, Chi.	.235	140	345	43	81	118	10	6	5	37	4	16	2	3	21	1	54	6	5	7	.342	.283
Mattingly, Don, N.Y.*	.311	144	599	94	186	277	37	0	18	88	13	0	8	3	41	14	29	1	0	13	.462	.353
McDowell, Oddibe, Texas*	.247	120	437	55	108	155	19	5	6	37	5	2	5	2	41	2	89	33	10	3	.355	.311
McGriff, Fred, Tor.*	.282	154	536	100	151	296	35	4	34	82	11	0	4	4	79	3	149	6	1	15	.552	.376
McGuire, Mark, Oak.	.260	155	550	87	143	263	22	1	32	99	20	1	4	4	76	4	117	0	0	15	.478	.352
McLemore, Mark, Cal.#	.240	77	233	38	56	77	11	2	2	16	1	5	2	0	25	0	28	13	7	6	.330	.312
Meyer, Joey, Mil.	.263	103	327	22	86	137	18	0	11	45	6	0	1	1	23	2	88	0	1	9	.419	.313
Miller, Darrell, Cal.	.221	70	140	21	31	43	4	1	2	7	0	3	0	5	9	0	29	2	1	1	.307	.292
Molitor, Paul, Mil.	.312	154	609	115	190	275	34	6	13	60	7	5	3	2	71	8	54	41	10	10	.452	.384
Moseby, Lloyd, Tor.*	.239	128	472	77	113	174	17	7	10	42	2	1	3	6	70	6	93	31	8	8	.369	.343
Moses, John, Minn.#	.316	105	206	33	65	87	10	3	2	12	3	1	1	2	15	2	21	11	6	4	.422	.366
Mulliniks, Rance, Tor.*	.300	119	337	49	101	160	21	1	12	48	10	2	4	0	56	3	57	1	0	10	.475	.395
Murray, Eddie, Balt.*	.284	161	603	75	171	286	27	2	28	84	8	0	3	0	75	8	78	5	2	20	.474	.361
Newman, Al, Minn.#	.223	105	260	35	58	65	7	0	0	19	2	6	0	0	29	0	34	12	3	4	.250	.301
Nokes, Matt, Det.*	.251	122	382	53	96	162	18	0	16	53	6	6	2	1	34	3	58	0	1	11	.424	.313
O'Brien, Pete, Texas*	.272	156	547	57	149	223	24	1	16	71	9	1	8	0	72	9	73	1	4	12	.408	.352
Orsulak, Joe, Balt.*	.288	125	379	48	109	160	21	3	8	27	4	8	3	3	23	2	30	9	8	7	.422	.331
Owen, Spike, Bos.#	.249	89	257	40	64	95	14	1	5	18	2	7	1	2	27	0	27	0	1	7	.370	.324
Pagliarulo, Mike, N.Y.*	.216	125	444	46	96	163	20	1	15	67	3	1	6	2	37	9	104	1	0	5	.367	.276
Parker, Dave, Oak.*	.257	101	377	43	97	153	18	1	12	55	8	0	2	0	32							

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Player, Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	GW	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI DP	Sig. Pct.	OB Pct.
Puckett, Kirby, Minn.	.356	158	657	109	234	358	42	5	24	121	14	0	9	2	23	4	83	6	7	17	.545	.375
Quinones, Rey, Sea.	.248	140	499	63	124	196	30	3	12	52	6	2	3	3	23	1	71	0	3	12	.393	.284
Quirk, Jamie, K.C.*	.240	84	196	22	47	80	7	1	8	25	2	4	3	1	28	2	41	1	5	2	.408	.333
Randolph, Willie, N.Y.	.230	110	404	43	93	121	20	1	2	34	4	8	5	2	55	2	39	8	4	10	.300	.322
Ray, Johnny, Cal.#	.306	153	602	75	184	258	42	7	6	83	10	9	8	4	36	2	38	4	1	10	.429	.345
Redus, Gary, Chi.	.263	77	262	42	69	105	10	4	6	34	3	0	7	2	33	1	52	26	2	5	.401	.342
Reed, Jody, Bos.	.293	109	338	60	99	127	23	1	1	28	5	11	2	4	45	1	21	1	3	5	.376	.380
Reynolds, Harold, Sea.#	.283	158	598	61	169	229	26	11	4	41	3	10	2	2	51	1	51	35	29	9	.383	.340
Rice, Jim, Bos.	.264	135	485	57	128	197	18	3	15	72	5	0	6	3	48	2	89	1	1	18	.406	.330
Ripken, Bill, Balt.	.207	150	512	52	106	132	18	1	2	34	2	6	3	5	33	0	63	8	2	14	.258	.260
Ripken, Cal, Balt.	.264	161	575	87	152	248	25	1	23	81	7	0	10	2	102	7	69	2	2	10	.431	.372
Romine, Kevin, Bos.	.192	57	78	17	15	22	2	1	1	6	3	0	0	0	7	0	15	2	0	3	.282	.259
Salas, Mark, Chi.*	.250	75	196	17	49	65	7	0	3	9	2	0	0	3	12	2	17	0	0	3	.332	.303
Salazar, Luis, Det.	.270	130	452	61	122	174	14	1	12	62	9	10	3	3	21	2	70	6	0	13	.385	.305
Santana, Rafael, N.Y.	.240	148	480	50	115	141	12	1	4	38	2	5	2	1	33	0	61	1	2	17	.294	.289
Schofield, Dick, Cal.	.239	155	527	61	126	167	11	6	6	34	1	11	2	9	40	0	57	20	5	5	.317	.303
Schu, Rick, Balt.	.256	89	270	22	69	98	9	4	4	20	0	0	0	3	21	0	49	6	4	7	.363	.316
Seitzer, Kevin, K.C.	.304	149	559	90	170	227	32	5	5	60	8	3	3	6	72	4	64	10	8	15	.406	.388
Sheets, Larry, Balt.*	.230	136	452	38	104	155	19	1	10	47	5	0	4	6	42	4	72	1	6	11	.343	.302
Sheridan, Pat, Det.*	.254	127	347	47	88	140	9	5	11	47	8	7	2	2	44	4	64	8	6	6	.403	.339
Sierra, Ruben, Texas#	.254	156	615	77	156	261	32	2	23	91	10	0	8	1	44	10	91	18	4	15	.424	.301
Skinner, Joel, N.Y.	.227	88	251	23	57	84	15	0	4	23	1	6	1	0	14	0	72	0	0	6	.335	.267
Slaughter, Don, N.Y.	.283	97	322	33	91	145	25	1	9	43	4	5	4	3	24	3	54	1	0	10	.450	.334
Snyder, Cory, Clev.	.272	142	511	71	139	247	24	3	26	75	11	0	41	1	42	12	101	5	1	12	.483	.326
Stanicek, Pete, Balt.#	.230	83	261	29	60	81	7	1	4	17	2	5	1	4	28	0	45	12	6	9	.310	.313
Stanley, Mike, Texas	.229	94	249	21	57	74	8	0	3	27	5	1	5	0	37	0	62	0	0	6	.297	.323
Steinbach, Terry, Oak.	.265	104	351	42	93	141	19	1	9	51	6	3	5	6	33	2	47	3	0	13	.402	.334
Stillwell, Kurt, K.C.#	.251	128	459	63	115	183	28	5	10	53	10	6	3	3	47	0	76	6	5	7	.399	.322
Surhoff, B.J., Mil.*	.245	139	493	47	121	157	21	0	5	38	6	11	3	3	31	9	49	21	6	12	.318	.292
Sveum, Dale, Mil.#	.242	129	467	41	113	162	14	4	9	51	6	3	3	1	21	0	122	1	0	6	.347	.274
Tabler, Pat, Clev.-K.C.	.282	130	444	53	125	159	22	3	2	66	11	0	5	3	46	1	68	3	3	9	.358	.349
Tartabull, Danny, K.C.	.274	146	507	80	139	261	38	3	26	102	9	0	6	4	76	4	119	8	5	10	.515	.369
Tettleton, Mickey, Balt.#	.261	86	283	31	74	120	11	1	11	37	3	1	2	2	28	2	70	0	1	9	.424	.330
Traber, Jim, Balt.*	.222	103	352	25	78	114	6	0	10	45	6	1	3	1	19	3	42	1	2	8	.324	.261
Trammell, Alan, Det.	.311	128	466	73	145	216	24	1	15	69	11	0	7	4	46	8	46	7	4	14	.464	.373
Upshaw, Willie, Clev.*	.245	149	493	58	121	182	22	3	11	50	4	3	4	2	62	4	66	12	9	10	.369	.330
Valle, Dave, Sea.	.231	93	290	29	67	116	15	2	10	50	5	3	2	9	18	0	38	0	1	13	.400	.295
Walewander, Jim, Det.#	.211	88	175	23	37	42	5	0	0	6	0	10	1	0	12	0	26	11	4	1	.240	.261
Walker, Greg, Chi.*	.247	99	377	45	93	141	22	1	8	42	7	1	2	3	29	3	77	0	1	7	.374	.304
Ward, Gary, N.Y.	.225	91	231	26	52	72	8	0	4	24	3	4	1	2	24	4	41	0	1	8	.312	.302
Washington, Claudell, N.Y.*	.308	126	455	62	140	201	22	3	11	64	8	0	4	2	24	2	74	15	6	7	.442	.342
Washington, Randy, Clev.	.256	69	223	30	57	81	14	2	2	21	2	3	1	5	9	0	35	3	3	2	.363	.298
Weiss, Walt, Oak.#	.250	147	452	44	113	145	17	3	3	39	2	8	7	9	35	1	56	4	4	9	.321	.312
Wellman, Brad, K.C.	.271	71	107	11	29	35	3	0	1	6	0	1	0	2	6	0	23	1	2	1	.327	.322
Whitaker, Lou, Det.*	.275	115	403	54	111	169	18	2	12	55	5	6	2	0	66	5	61	2	0	8	.419	.376
White, Devon, Cal.#	.259	122	455	76	118	177	22	2	11	51	7	5	1	2	23	1	84	17	8	5	.389	.297
White, Frank, K.C.	.235	150	537	48	126	177	25	1	8	58	10	7	6	4	21	3	67	7	3	16	.330	.266
Whitt, Ernie, Tor.*	.251	127	398	63	100	163	11	2	16	70	5	2	6	1	61	4	38	4	2	9	.410	.348
Wilkinson, Curtis, Texas#	.293	117	338	41	99	121	12	5	0	28	4	3	2	2	26	3	43	9	4	7	.358	.345
Williams, Kenny, Chi.	.159	73	220	18	35	67	4	2	8	28	3	3	2	8	10	0	64	6	5	2	.305	.221
Wilson, Glenn, Sea.	.250	78	284	28	71	92	10	1	3	17	0	1	2	0	15	0	52	1	1	13	.324	.286
Wilson, Willie, K.C.#	.262	147	591	81	155	197	17	11	1	37	6	8	5	2	22	1	106	35	7	5	.333	.289
Winfield, Dave, N.Y.	.322	149	559	96	180	296	37	2	25	107	10	0	1	2	69	10	88	9	4	19	.530	.398
Yount, Robin, N.Y.	.306	162	621	92	190	289	38	11	13	91	13	2	7	3	63	10	63	22	4	21	.465	.369
Zuvella, Paul, Clev.	.231	51	130	9	30	37	5	1	0	7	1	8	0	0	8	0	13	0	0	3	.285	.275

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLUB PITCHING

Club	ERA	G	CG	ShO	Sv.	IP	H	Rel.	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.	Opp. Avg.
Oakland	3.44	162	22	9	64	1489.1	1376	290	620	569	116	29	553	27	983	62	76	.247
Milwaukee	3.45	162	30	8	51	1449.1	1355	252	616	555	125	19	437	47	832	36	39	.248
Kansas City	3.65	161	29	12	32	1428.1	1415	253	648	580	102	33	465	39	886	55	27	.258
Detroit	3.71	162	34	8	36	1445.2	1361	220	658	596	150	32	497	68	890	57	27	.248
Toronto	3.80	162	16	17	47	1449.0	1404	293	680	611	143	59	528	49	904	48	29	.256
Minnesota	3.93	162	18	9	52	1431.2	1457	265	672	625	146	42	453	28	897	43	38	.266
Boston	3.97	162	26	14	37	1426.1	1415	250	689	629	143	37	493	34	1085	45	39	.259
Texas	4.05	161	41	11	31	1438.2	1310	251	735	647	129	56	654	33	912	72	57	.244
Chicago	4.12	161	11	9	43	1439.0	1467	293	757	659	138	35	533	34	754	61	30	.266
Seattle	4.15	161	28	11	28	1428.0	1385	291	744	659	144	36	558	57	981	50	55	.256
Cleveland	4.16	162	35	10	46	1434.0	1501	230	731	663	120	38	442	28	812	36	38	.270
New York	4.26	161	16	5	43	1456.0	1512	303	748	689	157	49	487	42	861	36	41	.267
California	4.32	162	26	9	33	1455.2	1503	262	771	698	135	42	568	67	817	68	37	.270
Baltimore	4.54	161	20	7	26	1416.0	1506	286	789	714	153	43	523	48	709	42	25	.274

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

* Throws left-handed

45 or more innings

Pitcher, Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GF	ShO	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.
Aase, Don, Balt.	0	0	4.05	35	0	0	16	0	0	46.2	40	209	22	21	4	3	2	0	37	5	28	1	0
Alexander, Doyle, Det.	14	11	4.32	34	34	5	0	1	0	229.0	260	985	122	110	30	4	8	5	46	7	126	2	1
Allen, Neil, N.Y.	5	3	3.84	41	2	0	10	1	0	117.1	121	504	51	50	14	7	6	2	37	7	61	2	0
Anderson, Allan, Minn.*	16	9	2.45	30	30	3	0	1	0	202.1	199	815	70	55	14	3	5	7	37	1	83	1	4
Atherton, Keith, Minn.	7	5	3.41	49	0	0	13	0	3	74.0	65	309	29	28	10	5	3	2	22	4	43	1	0
August, Don, Mil.	13	7	3.09	24	22	6	0	1	0	148.1	137	614	55	51	12	4	3	0	48	6	66	5	0
Bailes, Scott, Clev.*	9	14	4.90	37	21	5	7	2	0	145.0	149	617	89	79	22	5	4	2	46	0	53	2	3
Ballard, Jeff, Balt.*	8	12	4.40	25	25	6	0	1	0	153.1	167	654	83	75	15	3	3	6	42	2	41	2	2
Bankhead, Scott, Sea.	7	9	3.07	21	21	2	0	1	0	135.0	115	557	53	46	8	3	1	1	38	5	102	3	1
Bannister, Floyd, K.C.*	12	13	4.33	31	31	2	0	0	0	189.1	182	816	102	91	22	8	2	5	68	6	113	6	2
Bautista, Jose, Balt.	6	15	4.30	33	25	3	5	0	0	171.2	171	721	86	82	21	2	3	7	45	3	76	4	5
Berenguer, Juan, Minn.	8	4	3.96	57	1	0	27	0	2	100.0	74	428	44	44	7	5	4	1	61	7	99	3	5
Birkbeck, Mike, Mil.	10	8	4.72	23	23	0	0	0	0	124.0	141	538	69	65	10	4	2	1	37	1	64	0	11
Bittiger, Jeff, Chi.	2	4	4.23	25	7	0	9	0	0	61.2	59	268	31	29	11	4	4	0	29	2	33	3	2
Black, Bud, K.C.-Clev.*	4	4	5.00	33	7	0	9	0	1	81.0	82	358	47	45	8	6	3	4	34	3	63	5	6
Blyleven, Bert, Minn.	10	17	5.43	33	33	7	0	0	0	207.1	240	895	128	125	21	6	6	16	51	1	145	5	3
Boddicker, Mike, Balt.-Bos.	13	15	3.39	36	35	5	0	1	0	236.0	234	1001	102	89	17	4	12	14	77	6	156	6	4
Bosio, Chris, Mil.	7	15	3.36	38	22	9	15	1	6	182.0	190	766	80	68	13	7	9	2	38	6	84	1	2
Boyd, Dennis, Bos.	9	7	5.34	23	23	1	0	0	0	129.2	147	561	82	77	25	3	6	2	41	2	71	0	5
Burns, Todd, Oak.	8	2	3.16	17	14	2	3	0	1	102.2	93	425	38	36	8	2	2	1	34	1	57	3	6
Cadaret, Greg, Oak.*	5	2	2.89	58	0	0	16	0	3	71.2	60	311	26	23	2	5	3	1	36	1	64	5	3
Campbell, Mike, Sea.	6	10	5.89	20	20	2	0	0	0	114.2	128	507	81	75	18	2	5	0	43	1	63	4	4
Candelaria, John, N.Y.*	13	7	3.38	25	24	6	1	2	1	157.0	150	640	69	59	18	4	6	2	23	2	121	2	12
Candiotti, Tom, Clev.	14	8	3.28	31	31	11	0	1	0	216.2	225	903	86	79	15	12	5	6	53	3	137	5	7
Cerutti, John, Tor.*	6	7	3.13	46	12	0	11	0	1	123.2	120	524	56	43	12	8	3	3	42	6	65	7	3
Clancy, Jim, Tor.	11	13	4.49	36	31	4	5	0	1	196.1	207	827	106	98	26	7	4	9	47	3	118	7	0
Clark, Terry, Cal.	6	6	5.07	15	15	2	0	1	0	94.0	120	410	54	53	8	2	5	0	31	6	39	5	2
Clemens, Roger, Bos.	18	12	2.93	35	35	14	0	8	0	264.0	217	1063	93	86	17	6	3	6	62	4	291	4	7
Cliburn, Stu, Cal.	4	2	4.07	40	1	0	13	0	0	84.0	83	361	45	38	11	7	4	6	32	6	42	1	4
Corbett, Sherman, Cal.*	2	1	4.14	34	0	0	7	0	1	45.2	47	204	23	21	2	4	5	0	23	3	28	2	0
Crim, Chuck, Mil.	7	6	2.91	70	0	0	25	0	9	105.0	95	425	38	34	11	5	6	2	28	3	58	9	2
Davis, John, Chi.	2	5	6.64	34	1	0	10	0	1	63.2	77	319	58	47	5	2	4	4	50	10	37	6	3
Davis, Storm, Oak.	16	7	3.70	33	33	1	0	0	0	201.2	211	872	86	83	16	3	8	1	91	2	127	16	2
Dotson, Richard, N.Y.	12	9	5.00	32	29	4	0	0	0	171.0	178	755	103	95	27	3	7	4	72	3	77	3	3
Eckersley, Dennis, Oak.	4	2	2.35	60	0	0	53	0	45	72.2	52	279	20	19	5	1	3	1	11	2	70	0	2
Eichorn, Mark, Tor.	0	3	4.19	37	0	0	17	0	1	66.2	79	302	32	31	3	8	1	6	27	4	28	3	6
Farr, Steve, K.C.	5	4	2.50	62	1	0	49	0	20	82.2	74	344	25	23	5	1	3	2	30	6	72	4	2
Farrell, John, Clev.	14	10	4.24	31	30	4	0	0	0	210.1	216	895	106	99	15	9	6	9	67	3	92	2	3
Filer, Tom, Mil.	5	8	4.43	19	16	2	0	1	0	101.2	108	431	54	50	8	5	7	1	33	4	39	5	0
Finley, Chuck, Cal.*	9	15	4.17	31	31	2	0	0	0	194.1	191	831	95	90	15	7	10	6	82	7	111	5	8
Flanagan, Mike, Tor.*	13	13	4.18	34	34	2	0	1	0	211.0	220	916	106	98	23	14	4	6	80	1	99	3	4
Fraser, Willie, Cal.	12	13	5.41	34	32	2	0	0	0	194.2	203	861	129	117	33	2	9	9	80	7	86	12	6
Gardner, Wes, Bos.	8	6	3.50	36	18	1	12	0	2	149.0	119	620	61	58	17	5	6	3	64	2	106	5	0
Gibson, Paul, Det.*	4	2	2.93	40	1	0	18	0	0	92.0	83	390	33	30	6	3	5	2	34	8	50	3	1
Gordon, Don, Clev.	3	4	4.40	38	0	0	15	0	1	59.1	65	261	33	29	5	6	4	3	19	3	20	2	4
Guante, Cecilio, N.Y.-Texas	5	6	2.82	63	0	0	40	0	12	79.2	67	331	26	25	11	2	1	5	26	4	65	0	3
Gubicza, Mark, K.C.	20	8	2.70	35	35	8	0	4	0	269.2	237	1111	94	81	11	3	6	6	83	3	183	12	4
Guidry, Ron, N.Y.*	2	3	4.18	12	10	0	1	0	0	56.0	57	239	28	26	7	1	1	2	15	3	32	2	2
Guzman, Jose, Texas	11	13	3.70	30	30	6	0	2	0	206.2	180	876	99	85	20	4	6	5	82	3	157	10	12
Harvey, Bryan, Cal.	7	5	2.13	50	0	0	38	0	17	76.0	59	303	22	18	4	3	3	1	20	6	67	4	1
Havens, Brad, Clev.*	2	3	3.14	28	0	0	14	0	1	57.1	62	248	22	20	7	2	2	0	17	3	30	0	1
Hayward, Ray, Texas*	4	6	5.46	12	12	1	0	1	0	62.2	63	271	44	38	6	4	4	0	35	0	37	6	4
Henke, Tom, Tor.	4	4	2.91	52	0	0	44	0	25	68.0	60	285	23	22	6	4	2	2	24	3	66	0	0
Henneman, Mike, Det.	9	6	1.87	65	0	0	51	0	22	91.1	72	364	23	19	7	5	2	2	24	10	58	8	1
Hernandez, Guillermo, Det.*	6	5	3.06	63	0	0	38	0	10	67.2	50	284	24	23	8	6	3	4	31	6	59	3	3
Higuera, Ted, Mil.*	16	9	2.45	31	31	8	0	1	0	227.1	168	895	66	62	15	10	7	6	59	4	192	0	6
Honeycutt, Rick, Oak.*	3	2	3.50	55	0	0	17	0	7	79.2	74	330	36	31	6	3	6	3	25	2	47	3	8
Horton, Rick, Chi.*	6	10	4.86	52	9	1	12	0	2	109.1	120	471	64	59	6	10	8	5	36	4	28	0	

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Pitcher, Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GF	ShO	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.
Hough, Charlie, Texas	15	16	3.32	34	34	10	0	0	0	252.0	202	1067	111	93	20	8	8	12	126	1	174	10	10
Hudson, Charles, N.Y.	6	6	4.49	28	12	1	10	0	2	106.1	93	447	53	53	9	5	7	4	36	4	58	4	1
Hurst, Bruce, Bos.*	18	6	3.66	33	32	7	0	1	0	216.2	222	922	98	88	21	8	5	2	65	1	166	5	3
Jackson, Mike, Sea.	6	5	2.63	62	0	0	29	0	4	99.1	74	412	37	29	10	3	10	2	43	10	76	6	6
John, Tommy, N.Y.*	9	8	4.49	35	32	0	2	0	0	176.1	221	776	96	88	11	5	2	6	46	4	81	5	5
Jones, Doug, Clev.	3	4	2.27	51	0	0	46	0	37	83.1	69	338	26	21	1	3	0	2	16	3	72	2	3
Jones, Odell, Mil.	5	0	4.35	28	2	0	8	0	1	80.2	75	339	47	39	8	4	6	1	29	6	48	7	3
Key, Jimmy, Tor.*	12	5	3.29	21	21	2	0	2	0	131.1	127	551	55	48	13	4	3	5	30	2	65	1	0
Kilgus, Paul, Texas*	12	15	4.16	32	32	5	0	3	0	203.1	190	871	105	94	18	4	4	10	71	2	88	6	4
King, Eric, Det.	4	1	3.41	23	5	0	8	0	3	68.2	60	303	28	26	5	5	2	5	34	2	45	4	2
Lamp, Dennis, Bos.	7	6	3.48	46	0	0	14	0	0	82.2	92	350	39	32	3	3	2	2	19	3	49	5	8
Langston, Mark, Sea.*	15	11	3.34	35	35	9	0	3	0	261.1	222	1078	108	97	32	6	5	3	110	2	235	7	4
LaPoint, Dave, Chi.*	10	11	3.40	25	25	1	0	1	0	161.1	151	677	69	61	10	8	3	2	47	1	79	1	5
Lea, Charlie, Minn.	7	7	4.85	24	23	0	0	0	0	130.0	156	585	79	70	19	6	5	5	50	2	72	6	4
Leibrandt, Charlie, K.C.*	13	12	3.19	35	35	7	0	2	0	243.0	244	1002	98	86	20	5	7	4	62	3	125	10	4
Leiter, Al, N.Y.*	4	4	3.92	14	14	0	0	0	0	57.1	49	251	27	25	7	1	0	5	33	0	60	1	4
Long, Bill, Chi.	8	11	4.03	47	18	3	14	0	2	174.0	187	732	89	78	21	8	8	4	43	4	77	2	0
McCaskill, Kirk, Cal.	8	6	4.31	23	23	4	0	2	0	146.1	155	635	78	70	9	1	6	1	61	3	98	13	2
McDowell, Jack, Chi.	5	10	3.97	26	26	1	0	0	0	158.2	147	687	85	70	12	6	7	7	68	5	84	11	1
McMurry, Craig, Texas	3	3	2.25	32	0	0	14	0	3	60.0	37	236	16	15	5	3	3	1	24	4	35	2	2
Minton, Greg, Cal.	4	5	2.85	44	0	0	26	0	7	79.0	67	331	37	25	1	3	3	3	34	10	46	4	1
Mirabella, Paul, Mil*	2	2	1.65	38	0	0	13	0	4	60.0	44	241	12	11	3	2	2	0	21	5	33	1	0
Mohorcic, Dale, Texas-N.Y.	4	8	4.22	56	0	0	25	0	6	74.2	83	342	42	35	7	1	6	8	29	7	44	4	0
Montgomery, Jeff, K.C.	7	2	3.45	45	0	0	13	0	1	62.2	54	271	25	24	6	3	2	2	30	1	47	3	6
Moore, Mike, Sea.	9	15	3.78	37	32	9	3	3	1	228.2	196	918	104	96	24	3	3	3	63	6	182	4	3
Morgan, Mike, Balt.	1	6	5.43	22	10	2	6	0	1	71.1	70	299	45	43	6	1	0	1	23	1	29	5	0
Morris, Jack, Det.	15	13	3.94	34	34	10	0	2	0	235.0	225	997	115	103	20	12	3	4	83	7	168	11	11
Musselman, Jeff, Tor.*	8	5	3.18	15	15	0	0	0	0	85.0	80	354	34	30	4	1	2	3	30	2	39	1	2
Nelson, Gene, Oak.	9	6	3.06	54	1	0	20	0	3	111.2	93	456	42	38	9	3	4	3	38	4	67	4	6
Nichols, Rod, Clev.	1	7	5.06	11	10	3	1	0	0	69.1	73	297	41	39	5	2	2	2	23	1	31	2	3
Niedenfuhr, Tom, Balt.	3	4	3.51	52	0	0	42	0	18	59.0	59	252	23	23	8	2	1	2	19	3	40	0	0
Nieves, Juan, Mil.*	7	5	4.08	25	15	1	4	1	1	110.1	84	458	53	50	13	1	2	1	50	4	73	1	3
Ontiveros, Steve, Oak.	3	4	4.61	10	10	0	0	0	0	54.2	57	241	32	28	4	5	0	0	21	1	30	5	5
Peraza, Oswaldo, Balt.	5	7	5.55	19	15	1	0	0	0	86.0	98	392	62	53	10	3	3	2	37	2	61	4	4
Perez, Melido, Chi.	12	10	3.79	32	32	3	0	1	0	197.0	186	836	105	83	26	5	8	2	72	0	138	13	3
Petry, Dan, Cal.	3	9	4.38	22	22	4	0	1	0	139.2	139	604	70	68	18	5	6	6	59	5	64	5	2
Plesac, Dan, Mil.*	1	2	2.41	50	0	0	48	0	30	52.1	46	211	14	14	2	2	0	0	12	2	52	4	6
Plunk, Eric, Oak.	7	2	3.00	49	0	0	22	0	5	78.0	62	331	27	26	6	3	2	1	39	4	79	4	7
Portugal, Mark, Minn.	3	3	4.53	26	0	0	9	0	3	57.2	60	242	30	29	11	2	3	1	17	1	31	2	2
Power, Ted, K.C.-Det.	6	7	5.91	26	14	2	3	2	0	99.0	121	443	67	65	8	2	4	3	38	7	57	4	2
Reardon, Jeff, Minn.	2	4	2.47	63	0	0	58	0	42	73.0	68	299	21	20	6	4	1	2	15	2	56	0	3
Reed, Jerry, Sea.	1	1	3.96	46	0	0	19	0	1	86.1	82	363	42	38	8	3	5	2	33	7	48	1	7
Reuss, Jerry, Chi.*	13	9	3.44	32	29	2	1	0	0	183.0	183	751	79	70	15	5	4	3	43	1	73	3	4
Rhoden, Rick, N.Y.	12	12	4.29	30	30	5	0	1	0	197.0	206	847	107	92	20	8	8	8	56	4	94	2	6
Righetti, Dave, N.Y.*	5	4	3.52	60	0	0	41	0	25	87.0	86	377	35	34	5	4	0	1	37	2	70	2	4
Robinson, Jeff, Det.	13	6	2.98	24	23	6	0	2	0	172.0	121	698	61	57	19	2	6	3	72	5	114	8	1
Rosenberg, Steve, Chi.*	0	1	4.30	33	0	0	18	0	1	46.0	53	203	22	22	5	3	3	0	19	0	28	1	0
Russell, Jeff, Texas	10	9	3.82	34	24	5	0	1	0	188.2	183	793	86	80	15	4	3	7	66	3	88	5	7
Saberhagen, Bret, K.C.	14	16	3.80	35	35	9	0	0	0	260.2	271	1089	122	110	18	8	10	4	59	5	171	9	0
Schmidt, Dave, Balt.	8	5	3.40	41	9	0	11	0	2	129.2	129	541	58	49	14	5	3	3	38	5	67	3	0
Schooler, Mike, Sea.	5	8	3.54	40	0	0	33	0	15	48.1	45	214	21	19	4	2	3	1	24	4	54	4	1
Sellers, Jeff, Bos.	1	7	4.83	18	12	1	2	0	0	85.2	89	393	49	46	9	2	0	3	56	3	70	8	7
Shields, Steve, N.Y.	5	5	4.37	39	0	0	13	0	0	82.1	96	362	44	40	8	6	2	2	30	4	55	3	1
Sisk, Doug, Balt.	3	3	3.72	52	0	0	29	0	0	94.1	109	410	43	39	3	5	2	2	45	6	26	3	0
Smith, Lee, Bos.	4	5	2.80	64	0	0	57	0	29	83.2	72	363	34	26	7	3	2	1	37	6	96	2	0
Smithson, Mike, Bos.	9	6	5.97	31	18	1	6	0	0	126.2	149	561	87	84	25	4	3	6	37	1	73	2	6
Stanley, Bob, Bos.	6	4	3.19	57	0	0	31	0	5	101.2	90	419	41	36	6	5	6	7	29	7	57	5	1
Stewart, Dave, Oak.	21	12	3.23	37	37	14	0	2	0	275.2	240	1156	111	19	14	7	9	3	110	5	192	14	16
Stieb, Dave, Tor.	16	8	3.04	32	31	8	1	4	0	207.1	157	844	76	70	15	0	4	13	79	0	147	4	5
Stoddard, Tim, N.Y.	2	2	6.38	28	0	0	9	0	3	55.0	62	253	41	39	5	1	6	2	27	1	33	3	0
Stottlemire, Todd, Tor.	4	8	5.69	28	16	0	2	0	0	98.0	109	443	70	62	15	5	3	4	46	5	67	2	3
Straker, Les, Minn.	2	5	3.92	16	14	1	1	1	1	82.2	86	341	39	36	8	1	3	0	25	1	23	4	3
Swift, Bill, Sea.	8	12	4.59	38	24	6	4	1	0	174.2	199	757	99	89	10	5	3	8	65	3	47	6	2
Swindell, Greg, Clev.*	18	14	3.20	33	33	12	0	4	0	242.0	234	988	97	86	18	9	5	1	45	3	180	5	0
Tanana, Frank, Det.*	14	11	4.21	32	32	2	0	0	0	203.0	213	876	105	95	25	6	3	4	64	7	127	6	0
Terrell, Walt, Det.	7	16	3.97	29	29	11	0	1	0	206.1	199	870	101	91	20	13	6	2	78	8	84	7	2
Thigpen, Bob, Chi.	5	8	3.30	68	0	0	59	0	34	90.0	96	398	38	33	6	4	5	4	33	3	62	6	2
Thurmond, Mark, Balt.*	1	8	4.58	43	6	0	15	0	3	74.2	80	322	43	38	10	0	4	2	27	3	29	0	0
Tibbs, Jay, Balt.	4	15	5.39	30	24	1	1	0	0	158.2	184	708	103	95	18	6	7	3	63	2	82	8	3
Toliver, Fred, Minn.	7	6	4.24	21	19	0	0	0	0	114.2	116	491	57	54	8	7	1	1	52	1	69	10	1
Trout, Steve, Sea.*	4	7	7.83	15																			

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CLUB FIELDING

Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Minnesota	.986	162	4295	1500	84	5879	155
Boston	.984	162	4279	1542	93	5914	123
Oakland	.983	162	4468	1629	105	6202	151
Toronto	.982	162	4347	1737	110	6194	170
Detroit	.982	162	4337	1614	109	6060	129
Milwaukee	.981	162	4348	1714	120	6182	146
Baltimore	.980	161	4248	1726	119	6093	172

Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Kansas City	.980	161	4285	1714	124	6123	147
Cleveland	.980	162	4302	1686	124	6112	131
Seattle	.980	161	4284	1612	123	6019	168
Texas	.979	161	4316	1756	131	6203	145
California	.979	162	4367	1825	135	6327	175
New York	.978	161	4368	1660	134	6162	161
Chicago	.976	161	4317	1843	154	6314	177

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

* Throws left-handed

50 or more games

FIRST BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
McGriff, F., Tor.*	.997	153	1344	93	5	1442	143
Player, Club							
Balboni, S., K.C.-Sea.	.991	53	428	30	4	462	45
Benzinger, T., Bos.	.991	85	520	38	5	563	47
Bergman, D., Det.*	.990	64	367	37	4	408	31
Brett, G., K.C.	.992	124	1126	70	10	1206	105
Brock, G., Mil.	.993	114	915	102	7	1024	89
Davis, A., Sea.	.994	115	980	65	6	1051	111
Evans, D., Det.	.993	65	509	58	4	571	43
Evans, D., Bos.	.986	64	460	30	7	497	39
Hrbek, K., Minn.	.997	105	842	57	3	902	92
Joyner, W., Cal.*	.995	156	1369	143	8	1520	148
Knight, R., Det.	.991	64	432	33	4	469	40
Larkin, G., Minn.	.994	60	466	28	3	497	46
Mattingly, D., N.Y.*	.993	143	1250	99	9	1358	131
McGriff, F., Tor.*	.997	153	1344	93	5	1442	143
McGwire, M., Oak.	.993	154	1228	88	9	1325	118
Murray, E., Balt.	.989	103	867	106	11	984	101
O'Brien, P., Texas*	.995	155	1346	140	8	1494	124
Traber, J., Balt.*	.990	57	459	58	5	522	51
Upshaw, W., Clev.*	.991	144	1162	102	12	1276	93
Walker, G., Chi.	.993	98	935	41	7	983	93

SECOND BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
White, F., K.C.	.994	148	293	426	4	723	88
Player, Club							
Barrett, M., Bos.	.990	150	312	402	7	721	97
Browne, J., Texas	.958	70	112	139	11	262	27
Franco, J., Clev.	.982	151	310	434	14	758	87
Gallego, M., Oak.	.993	83	119	166	2	287	33
Gantner, J., Mil.	.986	154	325	428	11	764	92
Herr, T., Minn.	.988	73	140	195	4	339	54
Hill, D., Chi.	.975	59	106	132	6	244	36
Hubbard, G., Oak.	.987	104	195	267	6	468	60
Lee, M., Tor.	.988	98	221	261	6	488	64
Liriano, N., Tor.	.961	80	121	177	12	310	48
Lombardozzi, S., Minn.	.986	90	140	211	5	356	47
Manrique, F., Chi.	.985	129	228	308	8	544	77
McLemore, M., Cal.	.979	63	107	171	6	284	52
Randolph, W., N.Y.	.988	110	254	339	7	600	83
Ray, J., Cal.	.972	104	194	328	15	537	64
Reynolds, H., Sea.	.977	158	303	471	18	792	111
Ripken, B., Balt.	.984	149	309	440	12	761	110
Walewander, J., Det.	.977	61	114	144	6	264	36
Whitaker, L., Det.	.984	110	218	284	8	510	53
White, F., K.C.	.994	148	293	426	4	723	88
Wilkinson, C., Texas	.970	87	153	240	12	405	52

THIRD BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Lansford, C., Oak.	.979	143	113	220	7	340	16
Player, Club							
Boggs, W., Bos.	.971	151	122	250	11	383	17
Brookens, T., Det.	.952	136	101	234	17	352	16
Buechele, S., Texas	.962	153	110	297	16	423	25
Gaetti, G., Minn.	.977	115	105	189	7	301	24
Gonzales, R., Balt.	.966	80	45	153	7	205	19
Gruber, K., Tor.	.971	156	114	349	14	477	31
Howell, J., Cal.	.953	152	96	249	17	362	19
Jacoby, B., Clev.	.975	151	99	298	10	407	23
Lansford, C., Oak.	.979	143	113	220	7	340	16
Lyons, S., Chi.	.927	128	81	238	25	344	36
Molitor, P., Mil.	.941	105	86	187	17	290	15
Newman, A., Minn.	.966	60	37	76	4	117	12

Player, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Pagliarulo, M., N.Y.	.943	124	82	232	19	333	16
Presley, J., Sea.	.940	146	112	234	22	368	25
Schu, R., Balt.	.937	72	56	108	11	175	7
Seitzer, K., K.C.	.938	147	93	297	26	416	33

SHORTSTOPS

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Schofield, D., Cal.	.983	155	278	492	13	783	125
Player, Club							
Bell, J., Clev.	.965	72	103	170	10	283	37
Fernandez, T., Tor.	.981	154	247	470	14	731	106
Fletcher, S., Texas	.983	139	215	414	11	640	90
Gagne, G., Minn.	.970	146	200	373	18	591	79
Guillen, O., Chi.	.977	156	273	570	20	863	115
Owens, S., Bos.	.967	76	102	192	10	304	34
Quinones, R., Sea.	.963	135	202	396	23	621	103
Ripken, C., Balt.	.973	161	284	480	21	785	119
Reed, J., Bos.	.971	94	123	242	11	376	49
Santana, R., N.Y.	.966	148	202	421	22	645	96
Schofield, D., Cal.	.983	155	278	492	13	783	125
Stillwell, K., K.C.	.976	124	170	349	13	532	60
Sveum, D., Mil.	.955	127	208	370	27	605	93
Trammell, A., Det.	.980	125	195	355	11	561	67
Washington, R., Clev.	.933	54	83	141	16	240	26
Weiss, W., Oak.	.979	147	254	431	15	700	83

OUTFIELDERS

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Pasqua, D., Chi.*	.996	112	258	6	1	265	2
Player, Club							
Anderson, B., Bos.-Balt.*	.984	90	243	4	4	251	1
Armas, T., Cal.	.986	113	212	5	3	220	1
Barfield, J., Tor.	.988	136	325	12	4	341	4
Bell, G., Tor.	.946	149	253	8	15	276	1
Boston, D., Chi.*	.951	85	190	4	10	204	2
Braggs, G., Mil.	.978	54	134	1	3	138	0
Brantley, M., Sea.	.982	147	327	5	6	338	1
Brower, B., Texas	.972	59	104	2	3	109	1
Buhner, J., N.Y.-Sea.	.985	81	186	9	3	198	3
Burks, E., Bos.	.977	142	370	9	9	388	0
Bush, R., Minn.*	.979	109	187	3	4	194	0
Calderon, I., Chi.	.954	67	141	5	7	153	1
Campusano, S., Tor.	.934	69	111	2	8	121	0
Canseco, J., Oak.	.978	144	304	11	7	322	3
Carter, J., Clev.	.985	156	444	8	7	459	3
Cotto, H., Sea.	.992	120	253	6	2	261	0
Davidson, M., Minn.	.955	91	103	3	5	111	1
Davis, C., Cal.	.942	153	299	10	19	328	1
Deer, R., Mil.	.990	133	284	10	3	297	3
Eisenreich, J., K.C.*	.965	64	109	0	4	113	0
Espy, C., Texas	.972	98	196	10	6	212	0
Evans, D., Bos.	.987	85	151	4	2	157	0
Gallagher, D., Chi.	1.000	95	228	5	0	233	2
Gerhart, K., Balt.	.975	93	192	3	5	200	1
Gladden, D., Minn.	.991	140	319	12	3	334	5
Greenwell, M., Bos.	.981	147	302	6	6	314	2
Hall, M., Clev.*	.967	141	288	3	10	301	1
Henderson, D., Oak.	.982	143	382	5	7	394	2
Henderson, R., N.Y.*	.965	136	320	7	12	339	5
Incaviglia, P., Texas	.989	93	172	12	2	186	1
Jackson, B., K.C.	.973	121	246	11	7	264	2
Javier, S., Oak.	.980	115	240	6	5	251	2
Lemon, C., Det.	.974	144	296	8	8	312	3
Leonard, J., Mil.	.985	91	191	4	3	198	1
Lynn, F., Balt.-Det.*	.992	105	257	3	2	262	0
McDowell, O., Texas*	.989	113	267	2	3	272	1

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INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

OUTFIELDERS

Player, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Moseby, L., Tor.	.984	125	304	2	5	311	1
Moses, J., Minn.*	1.000	82	123	1	0	124	0
Orsulak, J., Balt.*	.979	117	228	6	5	239	2
Pasqua, D., Chi.*	.996	112	258	6	1	265	2
Pettis, G., Det.	.987	126	361	5	5	371	0
Polonia, L., Oak.*	.988	76	155	3	2	160	1
Puckett, K., Minn.	.994	158	450	12	3	465	4
Redus, G., Chi.	.987	68	140	7	2	149	1
Salazar, L., Det.	.992	68	127	4	1	132	1
Sheets, L., Balt.	.974	76	139	9	4	152	0
Sheridan, P., Det.	.981	111	203	2	4	209	0
Sierra, R., Texas	.979	153	310	11	7	328	3
Snyder, C., Clev.	.985	141	314	16	5	335	0
Stanicek, P., Balt.	.985	65	128	4	2	134	2
Tartabull, D., K.C.	.963	130	227	8	9	244	1
Ward, G., N.Y.	.992	54	130	0	1	131	0
Washington, C., N.Y.*	.984	117	309	5	5	319	1
White, D., Cal.	.976	116	364	7	9	380	2
Wilson, G., Sea.	.980	75	140	4	3	147	1
Wilson, W., K.C.	.989	142	365	1	4	370	0
Winfield, D., N.Y.	.989	141	276	3	3	282	1
Yount, R., Mil.	.996	158	444	12	2	458	2

CATCHERS

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Cerone, R., Bos.	1.000	83	471	28	0	499	4	7
Player, Club								
Allanson, A., Clev.	.986	133	691	60	11	762	11	8
Boone, B., Cal.	.986	121	506	66	8	580	9	1
Bradley, S., Sea.	.991	85	524	37	5	566	6	9
Cerone, R., Bos.	1.000	83	471	28	0	499	4	7
Fisk, C., Chi.	.995	74	338	36	2	376	7	3
Gedman, R., Bos.	.992	93	570	40	5	615	4	6
Hassey, R., Oak.	.994	91	465	31	3	499	7	7
Heath, M., Det.	.984	75	357	24	6	387	3	2
Kennedy, T., Balt.	.994	79	332	23	2	357	3	6
Laudner, T., Minn.	.992	109	621	35	5	661	8	8
Macfarlane, M., K.C.	.994	68	309	18	2	329	3	8
Miller, D., Cal.	.987	53	218	18	3	239	1	8
Nokes, M., Det.	.989	110	574	45	7	626	8	6
Petralli, G., Texas	.981	85	409	45	9	463	7	20
Quirk, J., K.C.	.982	79	409	31	8	448	5	2
Salas, M., Chi.	.979	69	251	35	6	292	5	6
Skinner, J., N.Y.	.990	85	395	16	4	415	5	1
Slaughter, D., N.Y.	.979	94	496	24	11	531	4	4
Stanley, M., Texas	.991	64	310	14	3	327	3	3
Steinbach, T., Oak.	.983	84	484	48	9	541	5	6
Surhoff, B., Mil.	.990	106	525	42	6	573	2	8
Tettleton, M., Balt.	.992	80	361	31	3	395	1	9
Valle, D., Sea.	.989	84	484	47	6	537	7	5
Whitt, E., Tor.	.994	123	643	43	4	690	10	10

PITCHERS

15 or more total chances

Leader, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
August, D., Mil.	1.000	24	22	24	0	46	2
Player, Club							
Alexander, D., Det.	.939	34	12	19	2	33	1
Anderson, A., Minn.*	.956	30	9	34	2	45	3
August, D., Mil.	1.000	24	22	24	0	46	2
Bailes, S., Clev.*	.971	37	14	19	1	34	0
Ballard, J., Balt.*	1.000	25	9	13	0	22	3
Bankhead, S., Sea.	1.000	21	7	11	0	18	0
Bannister, F., K.C.*	.971	31	8	25	1	34	1
Bautista, J., Balt.	.974	33	27	11	1	39	3
Berenguer, J., Minn.	1.000	57	7	10	0	17	1
Birkbeck, M., Mil.	.952	23	21	19	2	42	2
Black, B., K.C.-Clev.*	1.000	33	5	12	0	17	0
Blyleven, B., Minn.	.971	33	12	22	1	35	3
Boddicker, M., Balt.-Bos.	.965	36	22	33	2	57	1
Bosio, C., Mil.	.948	38	22	33	3	58	7
Boyd, D., Bos.	.920	23	8	15	2	25	0
Campbell, M., Sea.	.870	20	7	13	3	23	1
Candelaria, J., N.Y.*	1.000	25	4	22	0	26	0
Candiotti, T., Clev.	.981	31	17	36	1	54	2
Cerutti, J., Tor.*	1.000	46	13	27	0	40	2
Clancy, J., Tor.	.923	36	15	21	3	39	4
Clark, T., Cal.	1.000	15	8	13	0	21	0
Clemens, R., Bos.	.971	35	17	17	1	35	1
Cliburn, S., Cal.	1.000	40	6	12	0	18	2
Crim, C., Mil.	.893	70	12	13	3	28	1

Player, Club	Avg.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Davis, S., Oak.	.964	33	6	21	1	28	2
Dotson, R., N.Y.	1.000	32	17	14	0	31	1
Eichhorn, M., Tor.	1.000	37	5	13	0	18	1
Farrell, J., Clev.	1.000	31	21	23	0	44	2
Filer, T., Mil.	1.000	19	24	17	0	41	4
Finley, C., Cal.*	.967	31	5	24	1	30	1
Flanagan, M., Tor.*	1.000	34	6	35	0	41	2
Fraser, W., Cal.	.932	34	21	20	3	44	3
Gardner, W., Bos.	1.000	36	15	14	0	29	0
Gibson, P., Det.*	1.000	40	7	11	0	18	2
Gordon, D., Clev.	.941	38	4	12	1	17	0
Gubicza, M., K.C.	.986	35	29	44	1	74	3
Guzman, J., Texas	.929	30	15	24	3	42	1
Hayward, R., Texas*	.895	12	5	12	2	19	3
Hernandez, W., Det.*	1.000	63	3	15	0	18	1
Higuera, T., Mil.*	1.000	31	12	33	0	45	1
Honeycutt, R., Oak.*	.913	55	3	18	2	23	3
Horton, R., Chi.*	.933	52	5	23	2	30	4
Hough, C., Texas	.986	34	27	43	1	71	4
Hudson, C., N.Y.	1.000	28	9	10	0	19	3
Hurst, B., Bos.*	1.000	33	7	31	0	38	0
Jackson, M., Sea.	1.000	62	4	11	0	15	0
John, T., N.Y.*	.917	35	4	40	4	48	2
Jones, D., Clev.	.900	51	7	11	2	20	0
Key, J., Tor.*	1.000	21	5	19	0	24	1
Kilgus, P., Texas*	.957	32	11	34	2	47	4
Lamp, D., Bos.	.958	46	5	18	1	24	0
Langston, M., Sea.*	.933	35	11	45	4	60	6
LaPoint, D., Chi.*	.947	25	2	16	1	19	1
Lea, C., Minn.	1.000	24	12	12	0	24	1
Leibrandt, C., K.C.*	.954	35	19	43	3	65	2
Long, B., Chi.	1.000	47	7	25	0	32	0
McCaskill, K., Cal.	.909	23	12	18	3	33	2
McDowell, J., Chi.	.848	26	12	16	5	33	1
McMurtry, C., Texas	.900	32	8	10	2	20	3
Minton, G., Cal.	1.000	44	11	15	0	26	3
Mirabella, P., Mil.*	1.000	38	6	10	0	16	1
Mohorcic, D., Texas-N.Y.	.941	56	7	9	1	17	0
Moore, M., Sea.	.980	37	19	29	1	49	3
Morgan, M., Balt.	1.000	22	9	9	0	18	1
Morris, J., Det.	.981	34	31	21	1	53	1
Nelson, G., Oak.	1.000	54	4	11	0	15	1
Nichols, R., Clev.	.933	11	5	9	1	15	0
Nieves, J., Mil.*	.947	25	4	14	1	19	0
Ontiveros, S., Oak.	1.000	10	6	12	0	18	0
Peraza, O., Balt.	.864	19	8	11	3	22	1
Perez, M., Chi.	.963	32	8	18	1	27	1
Petry, D., Cal.	1.000	22	20	25	0	45	2
Power, T., K.C.-Det.	.947	26	8	10	1	19	1
Reed, J., Sea.	.952	46	6	14	1	21	2
Reuss, J., Chi.*	.974	32	10	27	1	38	2
Rhoden, R., N.Y.	1.000	30	17	22	0	39	2
Robinson, J., Det.	.972	24	16	19	1	36	1
Russell, J., Texas	.907	34	12	37	5	54	3
Saberhagen, B., K.C.	.942	35	15	34	3	52	3
Schmidt, D., Balt.	.974	41	18	20	1	39	2
Sellers, J., Bos.	.933	18	4	10	1	15	0
Shields, S., N.Y.	.944	39	9	8	1	18	2
Sisk, D., Balt.	.893	52	9	16	3	28	1
Smithson, M., Bos.	.870	31	7	13	3	23	0
Stanley, B., Bos.	.905	57	7	12	2	21	2
Stewart, D., Oak.	.894	37	26	16	5	47	2
Stieb, D., Tor.	1.000	32	19	26	0	45	3
Stottlemire, T., Tor.	1.000	28	7	11	0	18	0
Straker, L., Minn.	.957	16	9	13	1	23	1
Swift, B., Sea.	.929	38	19	33	4	56	3
Swindell, G., Clev.*	.974	33	8	29	1	38	0
Tanana, F., Det.*	.977	32	11	31	1	43	4
Terrell, W., Det.	.962	29	22	29	2	53	3
Thigpen, B., Chi.	1.000	68	5	11	0	16	2
Tibbs, J., Balt.	1.000	30	17	18	0	35	0
Toliver, F., Minn.	.909	21	1	19	2	22	2
Trout, S., Sea.*	.867	15	5	8	2	15	2
Viola, F., Minn.*	.946	35	5	30	2	37	1
Ward, D., Tor.	.947	64	6	12	1	19	0
Wegman, B., Mil.	.927	32	14	24	3	41	3
Welch, B., Oak.	.980	36	16	32	1	49	2
Williamson, M., Balt.	.958	37	9	14	1	24	0
Witt, B., Texas	.882	22	15	15	4	34	2
Witt, M., Cal.	.962	34	19	32	2	53	2
Yett, R., Clev.	1.000	23	8	9	0	17	1
Young, C., Oak.*	1.000	26	11	16	0	27	0



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